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There is no Fear in Love

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The Spoken Word is the original Seed part 2 pp. 38 Now, Jehovah had a bride once. Adam had a bride; Jesus had a bride; Jehovah had a bride. You know that? He had to put her away. She become a whore, so he put her away. That's exactly what He said. She become a whore, prostitute. **What caused her to do that?** (I wish we had time to read it. I may get to some of it after while.) Right now, it was in the time of Samuel when Israel had a king, a God, and she was a virgin. She was going to produce something. And **what happened? She begin to look around** and see the other nations had kings, so **she wanted to be like the rest of them.**

39 **You back-washed Pentecost, that's exactly what you done.** When this old preacher setting here, nearly a hundred years old today, when Pentecost broke loose back there, you couldn't tell nothing about no organization. They wouldn't listen to that. They called that the things of the devil, and them men were right. But what did you do? You had to act like the rest of the churches. You had to organize it. Then, as He said, you drawed fences between you. Went to teaching,...?... teach us (Glory to God. Hallelujah.) this way and jump up and down and speak in tongues say, "Put him in as a member; he's got her." He's not baptized right, neither with the water nor with the Spirit. He's wrong and his fruits prove it; he's got the wrong kind of seed to grow on. "Bless God, brother, **we'll lay hands on you here and make you an elder.** I tell you what you... We're going to build this organization here till it's going to be bigger than the Assemblies." That's just the way it's went. Read the Pentecostal history and see if that isn't so, or any of the church.

40 The Baptists wants to outdo the Methodists. The Methodists wants to outdo the Lutheran. The Lutherans want to outdo the Catholic. They're **every one wants to outdo somebody.** See, that's the... **That's the spirit of the organization.** Jesus said, "**But few there'll be that will be saved. Strait is the gate and narrow is the way, but few there'll be that'll find it.**" Just a few. If He said few, that's the Word of God, that Seed, there'll be a few. Won't be no tens of billions and billions. **It'll just be a few that'll find it. Them that's predestinated to it, they hear it. The former rain has went forth now.**

Now before we go too far along in this study this morning, I just want to point out that brother Branham has been blasting the fact that the Word begins to move on and then what does man do, they organize it or try to organize It. And what is it that they try to organize? God's Word. Therefore they are trying to organize God, for He is the Word.

THE MASTERPIECE 64-0705 153 Now notice. If the Bridegroom, the beginning, the first Bridegroom... This is the Bride coming forth. Remember, the Church begin at Pentecost, and It fell at Nicaea. It sprouted, not like the real grain, no; it was some of the Life in there, but **it sprouted in order to make an organization.** And it pulled through that organization. And then what did it do? Then **it went, from that organization it went into another organization, ...**

Now, don't think that this kind of attitude could never affect the churches in this Message who claim to have received the Doctrine of Christ. Brother Vayle told me years ago, *"they got it but they don't got it"*. They can quote it, and even quote it right, but if their life doesn't reflect that He's here, and if their own life does not show that they are living in the Presence of the Great Judge of the heavens and earth, then don't tell me they believe it, because it isn't real to them. And if it is not a reality, then it is just a mental conception. And then what makes their mental conception any better than anyone else's mental conception. That is why I try to teach the Doctrine from a relationship standpoint instead of from a theological standpoint. Theology is man's ideas, not God's. God showed us this great relationship He had with His firstborn son, and Jesus the first born son showed us all how to be sons.

Now, there's nothing wrong with having a mental conception. But unless you are aware He is here, you're only hoping what you heard is true but you don't really believe it's true or your life would measure up to it and reflect that He's here.

Now, just because you might mentally believe it, does not prove that you believe it, but if you truly believe it you will not only talk it but you will walk it. But as is the case in every revival there are twins, Brother Branham said, "every revival produces twins". And what that means is there are not only truly born again believers who are birthed in the revival but there are also carnal born ones as well.

And the carnal ones are the ones who move toward organizing what they heard in the revival.

From **Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:259** he said, *Now, listen close. Fallen angels, what kind of angels? Luther, Wesley, Catholic, Pentecostal who kept not their first estate like the angels did and has fell into organizations like Lucifer's main hold at Nicaea... And what have they done? Organized a great ecumenical association of ministers to make an image unto the beast, as the Bible said, and building a Christian economy that'll close the doors of this church and others like it. See Lucifer at his work? I'm trying to bring you the threefold revelation or mystery of God. What did they do? Sold out to reasoning's of wisdom and education like Eve did, fallen angels did.*

And again in paragraph **267** of **Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:267** Brother Branham said, *And here's Lucifer at his job again today. And remember, the antichrist is not communism. The antichrist is so close like the real thing till it'd deceive the very elected if it was possible, Jesus said (Matthew 24)--the elected if it was possible. Lucifer again is breaking God's unity in man by his limiting the Word of God to his reasoning's, what he thinks is right, and what he thinks, he breaks the Word of God. And the same thing he did in the days of Jesus. And Jesus said, "You by your traditions have made the Word of God of no effect." And the denominations by their organized intellectual reasoning's has made God's Word of no effect upon the people. That's right. They just can't see it. Then they say, "Where is the God of the Bible?" He's right here. He's the Bible, that's what He is.*

And what did they do in Jesus day? They quoted the Prophets, that's what they did, and they missed the very one those prophets pointed to, the Living Word of God right there in their midst. They said, we have Moses but who is this man?, we know not from where he came? In John chapter 9 we see Jesus heal a man who was born blind, and this really irritated the Pharisees because it took away their power over the people.

John 9: 28 *Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. 29 We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is. 30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. 31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. 32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. 33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. 34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. 39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. 40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? 41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.*

And notice that when they can't control you the first thing they want to do is to throw you out. And because they can't control God in His Word they excommunicated Him from the church as well. That is how they exercise their control over the people. If they can't get you to think like a slave and act like a slave to their own kingdom rules and regulations, then, they don't want your independent mind in their circle, because it will have an adverse effect upon the rest of the people who do have their group-think mindset. And so they will get rid of you. And that is nothing less than organization which tries to control the laity.

Church Age Book Chapter 4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age P:4 *With Irenaeus this was not so. He was militant against any form of organization. Also, his life history, wherein he served the Lord, was one of much manifestation in the Holy Spirit; and the Word was taught with unusual clarity and conformity to its original precepts. His churches in France were known to have the gifts of the Spirit among them, for the saints spoke in tongues, prophesied, raised the dead, and healed the sick by the prayer of faith. He saw the danger of any kind of organized brotherhood among the elders, pastors, etc. He stood solidly for a unified, Spirit-filled, gift-manifesting local church. And God honored him for the power of God manifested among the saints.*

And notice what else brother Branham said about these fallen angels. He said they come into every Message before it could break forth into the real Revelation of Christ and they take over that Message. That is why brother Vayle told me that the make believers have taken over this message.

So, in his message **Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:260** brother Branham said, *Wesley was a man of God, but what followed him? Fallen angels got into it. What was the angels first? Created beings of God that fell for Lucifer's wisdom, fell for Lucifer's wisdom. And you see what they become? Fallen angels. And organizations from man of God who's went forth to establish truths in the earth, before that truth could go along and proclaimate and get on to the real revelation of Christ, fallen angels come in and took it over and made denominations out of it. That's the reason the revelation of the Seven Seal mystery had to be unfolded. Now, you see it? What they left off... If Luther would've went on, it'd been here. If Wesley would've went on, if Pentecost would've went on, what would they'd done?*

The answer is they would have come to this Message. To the Revelation of Jesus Christ, that there is but One God and He had a Son, and indwelt that son to show himself to mankind. To reveal His character to us, that we might reflect it back to Him. But men entered in among the people not sparing the flock. And that is what Paul said in his day. And he called them false brethren in the Book of Acts chapter 15 and again in Galatians chapter 2.

Galatians 2:1 *Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also. 2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain. 3 But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised: 4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: 5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. 6 But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (And look at Paul's opinion of these men who had stature and rank in the church at Jerusalem...) (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me:*

You know I like that because people today are so focused on THE MAN rather than the Message, and I don't say this concerning brother Branham, but concerning any man that God uses, the people get so focused on the individual that they miss what that man of God is trying to tell them. They miss the Message because they are focused on the man.

7 But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter; 8 (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:) 9 *And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision. 10 Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do. 11 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.* And yet our churches are filled with people that are afraid to stand up to their Pastors when those pastors drift from the Word.

Yes, the people are afraid just like they were in Jerusalem, just like the parents of the blind man who Jesus healed. They were afraid to stand up to the Priests even though those priests were most certainly off the Word in doing and acting like they did. They needed a good rebuke and when the man who was healed rebuked them they did what everyone expected would happen, they kicked him out of their church. And so what's the big deal. If they are wrong who would want to be in their church anyway.

Brother Branham said in his sermon, **Rising of the sun 65-0418M P:61** *Well, you say, "Well, now, let me tell you something; my pastor..." I don't care what your pastor says; it's what the Word says. If you want to be a chicken, go on with him. But if the pastor speaks different from this Word, then he's not a feeder of the eagles (Uh-huh.); he's a feeder of the hens (See?), not of the eagles. See? Eagle eats on eagle's food. See? they're clean. The Bible said it's wrong to do that, and the men and so forth, and what all you do that's wrong... Say, "Days of miracles is past."*

And look at even the leaders like Peter who became cowards at the presence of the false brethren. **Galatians 2: 12** *For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.13 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. 19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. 21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*

Now, brother Branham said from **Questions and answers COD 59-0628E P:42** *And isn't that just the way that people get today? Let God just bless a fellow and put a little confidence in him, and he gets to be a know-it-all. He gets to be... He's got to start an organization, or he's got to do something that's different. "Why art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer. "It's... God has a hard time trying to get somebody that He can deal with, that'll stay humble, and meek, and stay in the place until God calls him to do something (you believe that? See?), a man that God can bless and he'll still keep hisself a man, not be an angel or a god. As soon as man gets blessed and has a little something given to him, he wants to become a god; he wants to become a angel. He wants to become some great person. "What I do, what... Me and me and mine..." all that. That's the wrong attitude. God's hunting for somebody who He could bless and pour out the blessings, and*

more He blessed, the littler the man will become. And you'll never get more of God until you become nothing. You've got to belittle yourself. He that will exalt himself, God will bring abase. He that will humble himself, God will exalt. You've got to get little before you can get big. And you'll never be big in your own self; you'll only be as big as God will be big in you. See?

So you see how contrary organization is to God himself? Organization uses the power of its numbers to control man, instead of allowing the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon God's Word to control that wayward person. And that is because organization wants immediate results. But they that wait upon the Lord are the ones that get the promises. You can't rush God and neither can you change a person's heart by clipping out the symptoms. Preach the word of God and let it penetrate into the very marrow of the bones, and it will change the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Again from brother Branham's sermon **Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:270** Notice, *Lucifer comes in cunning like he did then, and by temptations, and false promises of power out apart from the Word of God. He did the same at Nicaea, Rome. He's doing the same today at the World Council of Ecumenical Churches. "Let's all unite together," the pope says. "I want all my ecumenical brethren out there to unite with me. We're one." That's right. In organizations you are one. But that has nothing to do with the Bride of Christ, not a thing, Brother. You'll never wash Her in anything like that.*

From **The Masterpiece 153** brother Branham continues, *but it sprouted in order to make an organization. And it pulled through that organization. And then what did it do? Then it went, from that organization it went into another organization, ... went into another stage of the Word: justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost. See? And as it went through this stalk and process, it kept coming on more.*

Too many times in the history of the church people placed more value on their church membership than they placed on the Truth of God's Word.

We even find this same organizational spirit controlled the people by fear back in the days when Jesus walked the shore of Galilee. And we know what took place in the Alpha must repeat in the Omega.

John 9:1 *And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? 3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. 4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. 6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, 7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. 8 The neighbors therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? 9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. 10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? 11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and*

*anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. 12 Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not. 13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. 14 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. 15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. 16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. 17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet. 18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. 19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? 20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: 21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. 22 **These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.** 23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.*

Now, let's stop here for a moment and look at what has just taken place. Here we see two parents that were not even permitted to enjoy the miracle that God had just performed on their son who had been blind his entire life, and suddenly can see for the first time. What caused this fear that was placed upon these parents? Stupid Jealousy by those religious leaders that were jealous of what Jesus was doing and saying. And what did they do as a result of this jealousy? They used the power of the pulpit to hold down the people, and keep them from seeking further light. They held down the people by causing them to fear being expelled from the church for seeking out greater truth than what they wanted them to know and understanding.

And isn't that same devil still controlling the churches today? Claiming to believe the Prophet of the hour and yet forbidding the people they shepherd to examine the Doctrine that William Branham taught concerning the Presence of Christ and the relationship between the Father and His Son because it isn't endorsed in their camp.

Now, I like the guts that this young man showed to these Christ Rejecting Pharisees. He wasn't going to down play what had just taken place in his life for nothing. Let's read it.

*24. Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, **Give God the praise:** we know that this man is a sinner. 25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. 26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? 27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples? 28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. 29 We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is. 30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. 31 Now we know that*

God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. 32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. 33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. 34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

Oh, how that devil doesn't like to be given back scripture. He hates to be taught. He hates to be shown up by the Word of God. But I love this man's attitude. He saw what had just happened to his parents and how they were coward into avoiding talking about this great thing that had happened to their son. And I will bet that his righteous indignation flared up at watching his parents being put on the spot and watching them in a way deny this greatest thing that had happened in their family since he was born. So he spoke up to these religious leaders and let them know that he wasn't going to be coward by their sharp tongues like his parents had just been treated. And he took out the Sword of the Word and let them have it to the point that they gnashed their teeth and kicked him out of the church. They excommunicated him for disagreeing with the pastor, so to speak.

Now, I would like to know where in the Bible a man can be put out of the church for disagreeing with the Pastor or the church elders. There is a certain thing called church order and there is a way of dealing with someone that sows doubt. But for a person to say I disagree, then he ought to be given an opportunity via the Word of God to show the pastor where he is wrong.

Even brother Branham said, *"You are obligated to come to me if you know where I am teaching something that is not right according to the Word."*

Jesus Christ same 61-0516A P:73*Remember, search the Scriptures. Bring your papers and take down the Scriptures that I quote. If they're not right, you're solemnly obligated to come to me and show... I don't want to be wrong. But I'm not wrong as long as the Scripture says it's so and God confirms it. A man can say anything he wants to; that's a man. But when God speaks, dare anybody to doubt it? It's eternal separation from His Presence forever.*

So if a man comes in a right spirit to the pastor to talk to the pastor on something the pastor said, and where he can show the pastor by the Word where he disagrees with the pastor, or believes that the pastor may have said something not exactly right according to the Scriptures, if that pastor has the Holy Spirit he will take what is said to him, and check it out himself by the Word. Then if the Lord gives him insight to where he was wrong, then God receives the Glory. Now, if the Spirit of God can show the Pastor other Scriptures which show he had it right, and where the man might be off, then if the pastor has the right spirit he will in a spirit of meekness show the brother by the Word of God where he wasn't understanding it, and then God receives the Glory.

But if a man comes to a pastor believing the pastor may have strayed from the Word, and can show him so, and the pastor tries to use his title as a means of lording over that man, that shows that pastor has slipped from Grace. And if that Man approaches with a wrong motive to the pastor and acts like a know it all, then it shows that man is anointed by a

wrong spirit. Now, listen there are a lot of those people out there. I have been in contact with a bunch of this type in the Ukraine, and as far as I can see by their attitude they are nothing but carnal Christians posing as genuine. It matters not if they are right in what they are saying concerning the selling of materials at the Grace of God. It is the way they come on so strong with their criticism. That attitude is what Martin Luther had to deal with in his day when the people got out of hand and burned catholic churches and went about killing the priests. The miracle was not that Martin Luther could protect the Catholic church and get by with it, but the real miracle was that he could hold his head above all the fanaticism that followed.

Well, I do not see that as a miracle at all, because the people that are fanatical are so overly out of line that anyone can look at them and see they are anointed with devils, and not the Holy Spirit.

If a man comes humbly to the pastor and the pastor gets all riled up and threatens to excommunicate that person, then that shows the pastor is off the Word Himself and has fallen from Grace. And if the person leaves the church just because the pastor might have something wrong in his understanding then there is something wrong with that person. But if that person goes in a spirit of meekness as Jesus told us to then if the pastor blows up, then that pastor needs a dose of grace from the Holy Spirit.

And so, for all of you out there that have been threatened with being excommunicated from your church, don't you worry, as soon as Jesus heard that this man was excommunicated from the church for identifying with Him, he came to that man, and He will come to you too, for Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Notice in verse *35* we read, *Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. 39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. 40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? 41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.*

Jesus said 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 they stand in the way of those entering to go in.

The Apostle Paul said the same thing in **Romans 1:18** *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all un-godlike-ness and un-right-wise-ness of men, who hold down the truth in unrighteousness;* Now that word hold down comes from the Greek word katecho which means to hold down or to withhold the truth from.

And let's face it, the seed of the serpent **do not** want the truth to be taught. Because in John 8:37 Jesus told the Christ Rejecting religious leaders, "The reason you can not hear the truth

of the Word is because there is no place for the Word of God in them.” And then in verse 43 Jesus said, *43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. 46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? 47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.*

Now that reminds me of a story I read in a book years ago. The story was in a book entitled, **“THE DEVIL IN THE CHURCH AND HS SNARES LAID TO DESTROY OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS** copyright 1902. The article was called **“Enough Scripture to Poison a Parish”**. And the story goes like this.

A little girl, being asked by a priest to attend his religious instruction, refused, saying it was against her father’s wishes. The priest said she should obey him, not her father. “Oh, sir, we are taught in the Bible, ‘honor Thy Father and thy Mother.’” “You have no business to read the Bible,” said the priest. “But sir, our Savior said, ‘Search the Scriptures’ ” (John 5:39) “That was only to the Jews, and not to children, and you don’t understand it,” said the priest in reply. “But, sir, Paul said to Timothy, ‘From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures,’ ” (2 Tim 3:15) “Oh” Said the priest, “Timothy was being trained to be a bishop and taught by the authorities of the church.” “oh, no, sir,” said the child, “he was taught by his mother and grandmother.” On this the priest turned her away, saying she “knew enough of the Bible to poison a parish.”

And so we see where that spirit comes from that would try to control the people through fear rather than through teaching them the truth of the Scriptures, and letting them make up their own minds concerning the Scriptures.

The Apostle Paul said in *2 Corinthians 4:2 1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:*

I like the way the Weymouth translation puts this: *1 Therefore, being engaged in this service, and being mindful of the mercy which has been shown us, we are not cowards. 2 Nay, we have renounced the secrecy which marks a feeling of shame. We practice no cunning tricks, nor do we adulterate God’s Message. But by a full clear statement of truth, we strive to commend ourselves in the presence of God to every human conscience.*

And the **Wuest** translation says, *“we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not ordering the manner of our lives in the sphere of craftiness, nor even adulterating the Word of God [by an admixture of error], but by means of an open declaration of the truth commending ourselves to every variety of the conscience on men in the sight of God.”*

The problem we have today, even among us in this Message, is that the people in the churches do not judge others by what kind of Life they are living before God, but rather they are judged by whether or not they are loyal to the “*powers that be*” in their church.

From his sermon, “**Thinking Man's Filter**” 65-0822E P:32 Brother Branham said, “*No, she isn't a thinking woman. If she was thinking she'd know the church isn't going to judge her at the last day. The church is judging her now by her membership, her loyalty to the circles that she belongs to and the societies. They're judging her now by that. But God's going to judge her at the last day. So she isn't thinking.*”

So stand firm with the Word of God, and don't worry about what the leadership in that church will say to you. What you should worry about is what God is going to say to you if you do not stand for what He has revealed to you.

Those poor parents that were afraid to take a stand for what was right. I feel sorry for those poor people who were coward by those religious leaders who held down the people and kept them back from entering in. And I am sorry to say, but if they did not have enough manhood to stand up against those religious leaders, that's their problem.

So when any religious leader tells you that “*you've got to believe what they say just because they say so, and after all they are a five fold minister so you've got to believe them.*” Let me tell you that is so childish and shallow it's thinner than the broth made out of a chicken that starved to death. You don't have to believe so just because your pastor tells you to believe something. You believe it because God's Word says so.

And so any ministry that used fear to control you is not of God. We are promised by God Himself that He has not given us a spirit of fear but a sound mind. **2 Timothy 1: 7** *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.* Therefore if you fear man more than you fear God, then you haven't got what God said he would give to you.

In **1 John 4:18** we read, *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath a penalty. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.* And the penalty of fear is that when you fear, you begin to freeze, and you stop moving forward with God, and what God is bringing you into.

Fear is a dangerous tool of the devil, because it has a penalty. When a person is afraid they become bound by those fears. We read in **1 John 4**. That *perfect or mature Love will cast out fear because fear has a penalty*, it has to do with your freezing and crystallizing in your thinking. You see, in the Bible we read of where Joseph was engaged to marry Mary, but when he found her to be pregnant, even though she told him how it happened, that God Himself overshadowed her, yet his fear stopped him, and he was privately mindful to put her away. In other words the penalty of fear caused him to stop the plans that he had to marry her. Joseph feared that Mary had not been faithful, and because of that fear he made plans to stop the marriage. So God sent His Angel to Joseph, and told him, “fear not” to take Mary as His Wife. What had fear done to Joseph? It caused him to doubt that God wanted him to marry Mary. And it caused him to stop moving forward with the plan of God for his life.

Luke 21: 25-27 *25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; 26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. 27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*

Notice the Scriptures tells us that men will see things that will bring on perplexity which is doubt and anxiety feeling they will have no way of escape, and then what follows? Fear, then fear follows shortly thereafter.

In **1 Kings 18:21** Elijah said to the people, *how halt ye between two opinions?* How long will you be lame and stopped in your forward movement? **AMPLIFIED VERSION:** *How long will you be halt and limp between two opinions?* **NIV:** *How long will you waver between two opinions?* **NAS** *How long will you hesitate between these two opinions?* So you see that fear will cause great damage in your walk with God because it causes you to stop your moving forward with him. And you know, according to **1 John 7:** *“if you walk in the Light and He is in the Light, you not only have fellowship with one another but the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses you from all your sin.*

Therefore, as long as you are walking in the light, your sins are covered and you are having fellowship with the One Who is in the Light. But what if you stop walking with Him. And you will if you let your fears take control of you. Therefore, any ministry that puts the people into a state of fear is not from God.

Did you know there are 62 times in the Bible we are told “fear not”. And it seemed every time the angel of the Lord comes on the scene he would say, “fear not”. So I say again, that any ministry that tries to control you through fear, or through the fear of excommunication is a spirit from hell.

From paragraph **233 Anointed Ones at the End-Time 65-0725M** *“For it is impossible for those which were once enlightened and didn't move on with the Word as it come to pass...” They're dead, gone.* And if fear causes you to stop, then it will also kill you spiritually.

Notice in **Genesis 19: 26** Lot's wife crystallized when she quit moving on with the Word of God. What happened? First her mind stopped, then her body stopped to turn around, and when she did she turned to a pillar of salt. First her mind crystallized then her body became transformed into her revelation.

The apostle Paul said in **Romans 8: 15** *For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

And in **2 Tim 1: 7** Paul said, *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*