

Spoken Word no. 82

Upon This Rock

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This evening I would like to begin by asking the question, “What good is light if you are blind”.

Jesus said, in the Gospel of **Luke 6:39** *“And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?”*

In the book of Revelations chapter 3 we are told at the end time the people will be *“naked, miserable and blind and won't even know it.”*

So I ask you this question, “**what good is light if you are blind?**” **Isaiah 60: 2** *For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.*

Now, if the Scripture tells us that the condition at the end time will be *“gross darkness upon the people.”* Then what good is the light to those who are blind?

Now, let's read again from **Luke 6:39** *“And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?”* and then from verses **40-49**
40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. 41 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye. 43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. 45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. 46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? 47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

Notice the end time condition of the people and I want you to also notice there are two kinds of people who hear the Message of the hour. Therefore let's remain standing as we go to the Word of God, and let's open our Bibles to ...

Luke 6: 39 *“Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?”*

Now that is an excellent question. And then a few verses later after speaking this parable in a question format, Jesus continues to speak as we pick up at verse **LUKE 6:40** *The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.*

Now, this word perfect comes from a Greek word that does not mean perfect as though you have reached some sort of a perfect state where you make no error. But the word simply means *to equip*.

Therefore we should read this statement that Jesus is making here as thus: **LUKE 6:40** *The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is equipped by His master shall be as his master.* And why is that? Because it really does matter what teacher teaches you. If you sit under a false teacher, you will hear false teaching, and thus your mind will be filled with error.

As the Apostle Paul said in **ROMANS 10:13-17** *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Martin Luther in his comments on these verses said, "Even though they say they hear, they boast in vain, unless they hear true preachers; for to hear false prophets means as much as not to hear. They hear and they do not hear. They have ears, but do not hear, nor do they preach The True Word of God. There are four statements which follow one another in such a way that one leads to the other, but so that the last forms the foundation on which the others rest.

Thus,

1. *It is impossible that those preach who are not sent.*
 2. *It is impossible that those hear who are without a preacher.*
 3. *It is impossible that they believe who do not hear.*
 4. *It is impossible that they call upon Him who do not believe.*
- To these must be added a 5th it is impossible that they who do not call upon the name of the lord shall be saved.*

So, then, the entire source and origin of salvation rests on this, that God sends out someone, (a true minister of the Word).

If He does not send out any, then they who preach, preach falsely, and their preaching is no preaching at all. In fact, it would be better for them not to preach.

Then also, they who hear, hear error, and it would be better for them not to hear.

Then also they who believe, would believe false doctrine, and it would be better for them not to believe.

Then they who call, would be calling upon a False lord, and it would be better for them not to call.

For such preachers, do not preach.

Such hearers do not hear.

Such believers do not believe.

Such callers do not call.

Such then will be damned because they would be saved by falsehood.

As we see in **Proverbs 1:28** *"Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: for that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord". Then only they can preach with certainty who preach without error."*

Now, we know what Paul said in **Romans 10**, and we know what he said in **2 Corinthians 11**, and again in the book of **Galatians**, that *if they receive a wrong word, then they will receive a wrong spirit.*

How then can we think that anyone who sits under a wrong ministry and has a wrong conception of the message has the right spirit, which is the Holy Spirit? A wrong conception is a wrong "quicken to life".

The word conception means to quicken to life. And we know that Peter said, in **1 Peter 1:23** that *"we are born again, not by a corruptible seed, but by an incorruptible seed, by the Word of God which Lives and Abides forever."*

Jesus told us that *The Sower sowed the seed is the Son of Man*, and He taught us *the Seed is the Word of God*. And that seed will produce a life according to the law of reproduction, which states, *"Ever seed must bring forth after its own nature."*

Then to receive a wrong Word is to receive a wrong seed, and therefore must produce a wrong spirit or a wrong life. How can it be any other way?

Did you know that brother Branham said we must have a right teaching in order to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit?, to receive the Seal of God? And if you don't receive the seal of God there is only one seal left and that is the seal of Satan, which is the mark of the beast.

Now notice that Jesus up to this point in the parable in **Luke chapter 6** has been speaking about not following blindly, because you could be following someone who is as blind as you are. And then he tells us that if your teacher has rightfully equipped you, then you will become as that teacher. In other words, you will think like him, speak like him, and act like him. Now that is not to say that you are to look at the flesh, but we are guided by one thing and that is the Word of God.

Jesus said, *"The son can do nothing but what He seeth the Father do, that doeth the Son likewise"*. Then *the son will do and act and speak and think as the Father thinks and speaks and acts.*

Now, let's face it, the Holy Ghost is the teacher, and if a man is yielded to the Spirit of God and called to teach this Word then he will do as the Father has shown him to do, and

the people that look to that ministry will reflect the same principles and will become in a fashion as the lord is to the disciple.

40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is equipped by His master shall be as his master.

Now, catch what Jesus says here next. **LUKE 6:41** *And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.*

Now, if you have become “one with your teacher”, how is it that you are looking for fault in that teacher. It makes no sense to me, but they did it to Moses. He led them by following Christ and they followed Him as he followed Christ. And yet they wanted to stone him.

And Paul said, Follow me as I follow Christ and yet they wanted to stone Him, and the same with William Branham. So we see Jesus warning the disciple about not getting their focus wrong.

Now notice the very next thing Jesus tells us here. ***“43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.”***

And we know that in the message "**Anointed Ones at the end Time**", William Branham taught us that ***the fruit is the teaching for the season***. Therefore we must ask the question, ***“what they are teaching for the season”***, and then we must look at there actions in life to see whether they believe what they are preaching or not. In other words, the fruit is what they are teaching. The fruit of their ministry, but their lives will manifest if they truly believe what they are teaching. If you believe the Judge is here, then you will conduct your life knowing that the judge of heaven and earth is right here watching everything you do. And if you do not live like that then you are a hypocrite and do not believe what you are teaching.

Jesus said, ***“if you are a good tree, then you can not teach error. Your teaching will be right smack on target***, you will not bear bad fruit, or bad teaching, and your life will not show bad fruit either. He that is born of God does not initiate sin, and sin is unbelief, and to sin means to miss the mark. But the word righteous means to be rightly wise. And how could you be a righteous man if you are un-right in our thinking.

45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; (now remember the heart represents the understanding,) and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Now in the light of what Jesus is saying here, he is saying if your understanding is good

you will bring forth good things, and if your understanding is evil then you will bring forth evil things. If you recall,

Several years ago I preached a series on the garden of your mind and showed that the mind is like a garden, and in it are planted many seeds, and the seed that are planted in your mind are those things that become manifested in your life. Therefore whatsoever you sow, you will surely reap. And therefore what things you are watering in your mind will become manifest in your life. Now, this is the end time and people must manifest what seed they are. And we know that *whatsoever doth make manifest is manifested by the light (Ephesians 5:13)*. So then, we must understand that all seeds on earth must come to a manifestation of what they are, and the nature of the seed that they are will manifest itself openly once that Light strike the seed.

And so Jesus continues as we read from verse 46 *And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? And how can you say you believe this message if you are not living it?* How can you say you believe that token if you do not apply it in your life? Now, we are going to get to the heart of this parable, as we pick up at verse 47. *Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock:* (now remember that a rock represents revelation, so this man built his house upon revelation) *and when the flood arose,* (And remember the Bible tells us that the devil will come in like a flood) *the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great. Now, notice that the only difference is that one heard and did what he heard and the other also heard but did not do what he heard. Thus the revelation that the one had was to do and the revelation of the other was that he did not have to do.*

Look, what saved Noah and his household? Was it his believing God that it was going to rain? Or was it his actions which came as a result of his believing God? In other words, his doing what God had instructed him to do and that was to build the ark. And we have been commanded to apply the token, and I just do not understand how people can think that, that would mean to simply believe it. If I told you to apply the paint you would find a roller or a paint brush and something to open the can if you are going to apply it. And brother Branham said we must apply it.

THE TOKEN 63-0901M 34-9 *You should love one another. Believers should separate themselves from the world. Don't just take it now, lightly. And then, you people that's listening to this on tape, you women, you men, you listen a minute. If you ever believed me, you believe it now. It's time for--to quit fussing with one another. Believe the message of the Bible. Believe Jesus Christ; and love, and honor, and respect one another. Men respect your wives; you respect your home. Bring your home together, because, you remember, this Lamb was for the home, not just one. The whole home too had to be brought; everything had to be brought in. We should love each other, and believers should separate themselves from the world. 35-3 Notice, they were not just yet come*

*together to talk about the message. They come together to apply the blood, to apply the token. That's what you must do. Pastor Neville, and to this congregation, trustees, deacons, to you brethren, it's time that we laid aside all the foolishness of the world, **time we laid aside everything else.** We've seen enough now, that we're positive, sure, and **the Token must be applied. Without it, you're going to perish; you must perish.** That is the only thing. Oh, **don't come together, say, "I believe it."** Get beneath it. Get into it. How to do it? By one Spirit we're baptized into the Body of Jesus Christ. Everybody believe with all your heart. See? **He was not responsible for any out from beneath it.***

We find this same parable in **MATTHEW 7:24** *Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.*

Now, if we want to apply the symbols in this parable we must know what they mean first to understand what this is all about.

Now, he said the rain would descend, and we know according to **Deuteronomy 32: 2** God said *his Doctrine would fall as the rain.*

So we see here that the rain must come before the floods. Now, we know that Satan comes in like a flood, but we also know that a flood represents judgment by the Word, as it was in the days of Noah so shall it be when the Son of Man is Revealed. As the doctrine begins to pour forth upon the face of the earth, the judgments that the doctrine brought with it, begins to take apart every house that is not founded on the rock (or The Revelation. And since there is only One Faith or One Revelation, we know that Rock is The Revelation of Jesus Christ).

Now, the Catholic Church teaches that Rock was Peter, but that is not what Jesus said. He said in **Matthew 16: 13** *When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for **flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.** 18 And I say also unto thee, **upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.** Not upon Peter, but upon This Rock, receiving Revelation from God to know and understand who the Son of God is.*

You see the flood is the waters of separation, and we know the water of separation is the Word itself. Notice the rains come first (that is the Doctrine of Christ, because the rain is to bring forth life to the Seed. And let me add this. It takes the rain to bring the seed into manifestation. That is why the falling away is from The Faith, The Revelation.) Then when Word is piled upon Word upon Word, the Doctrinal waters build up to the place where the waters are to carry us over. But the same waters that delivered Noah are the same waters that destroyed the rest of mankind. The flood comes which is the water of separation and with it any house that is not build upon a rock of the Revelation of Christ

will not stand. Therefore, building your house upon that rock which is Christ will weather any storms that will come.

So he tells us that *the rains will come*, (that's the doctrine), *then the floods will rise* which is the waters of separation that will come as a result of that Word, and then the winds will blow, which speaks of *every wind of doctrine, and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive*. And *will beat upon that house*, and if it was not founded upon the Rock of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, then it will not last.

If you just come to church because you know you should, watch out? *The rain is falling*, and the next thing will come is the waters of separation! Then you will find out where your home was built upon. If you have received the revelation of Jesus Christ, the rain, then comes the Test. You will be tested to see whether you have it or not. That's the trial of your faith, which is the trial of your revelation.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. 28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: 29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Now the King James Version uses the word astonished here but the word astonished is not a good translation of the word “*ekplesso*” that Jesus used here, because it gives you a wrong idea of what was taking place. The Greek word used here is “*ekplesso*” and it means “*to strike out*”, “*to expel by a blow*”, “*to drive out or away*”; “*to cast off by a blow*”. In others words, **they didn't want His doctrine. They wanted to expel him, they wanted for him to go away**, for his doctrine was too hard for them to hear. And they didn't want it. Why? Because they all liked to talk about the Lord and to talk about the Word but he said with their mouth they draw near but in actuality their hearts were far from God.

ISAIAH 29:13 *Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near [me] with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:*

And that is what Jesus quoted to them in **MATTHEW 15:7** *Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, 8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with [their] lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men.*

JEHOVAH JIREH PT 1 62-0705 23 *See, you can't go by emotions. See, your life that you live testifies what you are. See? No matter what kind of a sensation, you cannot base Christianity on any sensation. It's a life. Jesus said, "By their fruit you shall know them." Not by their profession, not by what they say. And Jesus also said, "You draw nigh unto Me with your lips, but your heart is far from Me." That's their profession. See, your life tells what. And if a man says that he believes God, and denies one Word of this Bible, or changes It in any way, why it's got to be wrong.*

LUKE 6:47 *Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.*

Luke 21: 34-36 NIV 34 *"Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with (1) dissipation, (2) drunkenness and (3) the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. 35 For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."*

Now, let's stop here for a moment to see just exactly what this means. He told us to be careful about three things that could weigh and close in on us like a trap.

1). Dissipation: which means wasteful expenditure or consumption. Dissolute which means indulgence in sensual pleasure; intemperance. Diversion or amusement;. So we are warned to be careful not to become too weighed down by these things which are rampant in our society today. That's laodicea full speed ahead.

2). Drunkenness: which implies a losing of ones ability to rightly reason, or be resolute in ones minds.

3). Anxieties of Life: The Scriptures tell us to be anxious for nothing. You see, God is not pushy, and he does not want us to get pushy about anything. He said we need to lay in the presence of the Son to ripen. Not run, run, run, but lay in His presence until we get mellow in our spirit and ripe in our soul.

Now, this scripture tells us that if we are not focused on Christ when that day comes, we are going to miss Him, and yet these **three things** are what the entire world are focused on and they have missed Him altogether. Look at the condition of our Congress and the man sitting as President of the united States who came in by deceit. He would not give the Congress even 24 hours to review this stimulus package, and even some members of Congress were told that if they did not pass it that Marshall law would be imposed. Congress was threatened to do it quickly what should have taken days and weeks to review. Just like Jesus said to Judas, *"That thou doest, do quickly"*, because that is what he went to do quickly. Why? because that's the nature of Serpent seed. No patience at all. Everything has to be done right now. God told Cain, *"Thou didst rightly offer, but Thou didst not rightly divide."* Or as Paul said, *"You did run well, but who has cut in on you, and hindered you?"*

Notice he said, if you are caught up in these things, that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. 35 For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

Let us bow our heads and our hearts in prayer.