

## Unveiling of God no 103

### *Two Vines - True Vine will Understand the Word the False Vine cannot*

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This morning we will examine the Two Vines again and in our examination we will show you that the True Vine are **ordained to believe** and therefore **Understand** the Word, but the false Vine are not ordained to Believe the Word, and therefore they will not understand it.

Therefore, we will see that **Only True Vine can know the Word of God and thus they will also understand the Word of God**, but the false Vine do not know the Word of God and therefore they cannot understand the Word of God

Now, before we begin our study, I know people quote Br. Branham saying "*you do not have to understand it, you just have to believe it.*" And I do not dispute that because that is what he said. But we also know he said things contrary to that even quoting the Scripture that says, "*the devil believe and trembles.*"

Therefore, I would like to go into these two words before we actually go into our study this morning on the True Vine knows and understands while the false Vine cannot understand the Word of God.

Now the Greek word for believe is *pisteno* which means *to have faith*.

**Websters** dictionary defines the word **Believe** as: *to have confidence or faith in the truth of (a positive, an assertion, a story, etc.); give credence to. to have confidence in the assertions of (a person).*

So Belief has to do with faith, and remember we are told you cannot even get to first base with God until you believe that He is and that He has the power to reward that belief.

**Hebrews 11:6** *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

Now, on the other hand we see the definition of the word 'understand' according to Webster's dictionary is: *to perceive the meaning of; to grasp the idea of; to comprehend: And then that will lead to a thorough familiarity with; and an apprehension of the character, and nature, or the subtleties of: In other words to assign a meaning to; or to interpret: ex: He understood her suggestion as a complaint.*

Then to understand means you are able to *to grasp the significance, and implications of, or the importance of:*

And I believe this is where so many fall short. You see, believing is the starting point, but you can still be deceived even though you believe. But once you understand the significance, and the implications of and the importance of the Message, you cannot be deceived.

Now, we all know there must be a balance with the Word of God and also to what the prophet said because otherwise you will find statements that seem to conflict with other statements when in actuality they do not conflict at all.

There are plenty of Quotes that William Branham made concerning "belief" and there are also as many that concern "understanding", just as the Scriptures teach both.

So before we approach this subject showing how the True Vine are ordained to believe and Understand the Word, let's look at the first part which is to Believe.

Now as we have shown the word **Believe** and **Understand** are two different words and therefore they mean two different things. Yet you cannot have one without the other, or rather the one (**believe**) leads to (**Understanding**). For if it does not then you didn't have belief or faith to begin with.

And there are many promises that have to do with believing as we see in the following scriptures.

**Hebrews 10:39** *But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.* Notice that Believing leads to being saved.

**Romans 10:9** *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and **shalt believe in thine heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, **thou shalt be saved.***

**Acts 15:11** *But we **believe** that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.*

**Acts 16:31** *And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.***

**1 John 5:13** *These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

**1 Peter 2:7** *Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,*

**Hebrews 10:39** *But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.*

**1 Timothy 1:16** *Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter **believe on him to life everlasting.***

Now, then seeing the importance of believing as it has to do with our being saved, God then sends men to teach others that in believing they might be saved. So we add another element to believing and is to believe the one who is reporting on or preaching the plan of God.

**1 Corinthians 1:21** *For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

Now, in understanding that our believing on the Lord Jesus Christ leads to salvation, then it is expedient that God get that Message out to those ordained to eternal life.

**Acts 13:48** *And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.*

**Romans 10:14** *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?*

**Romans 10:9** *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

**John 20:31** *But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*

**John 17:20** *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall **believe on me through their word**;*

**2 Corinthians 4:13** *We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;*

**John 5:47** *But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?*

**Acts 15:7** *And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.*

There are also other promises of God that are given to them that believe such as the power of God being effectual in the life of the believer.

**Galatians 3:22** *But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that **the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe**.* and what are those promises? Salvatyion, eternal Life and the power of the Holy Spirit in your life.

**Ephesians 1:19** *And what is the exceeding **greatness of his power to us-ward who believe**, according to the working of his mighty power,*

**1 Thessalonians 2:13** *For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, **which effectually worketh also in you that believe**.*

**Hebrews 7:16** *Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after **the power of an endless life**.*

Now, then why then if there are these promises to them that believe are we told that we must also understand what we believe? Why does the Scriptures Speak so clearly as we shall see today that we must know and understand the Word?

Because the devil will do his best to take what believe you have and turn it against you.

**Luke 8:12** *Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh **the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved**.*

**2 Thessalonians 2:11** *And for this cause God shall send them **strong delusion**, that they should believe a lie:*

And we know that there is a specific attribute at the end time will be such a deceptive time that if you are not grounded in the Word of God which means more than just believing, and if you do not understand what it is you believe your belief, your faith, may be turned away from the Truth to other things. and at the end time the devil will do everything he can to

turn your belief and faith away from God, and when that happens God will send you a strong delusion.

**1 Timothy 4:1** *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, (The Revelation of Jesus Christ,) **giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;** **2** *Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;* **3** *Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.**

Notice he here speaks of not only believing but knowing. And it is this knowing that prevents the falling away.

**James 2:19** *Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.*

From His sermon **The Indictment 63-0707M P:104** brother Branham said, "Now, what did they do? They didn't know it. Today men walk ignorantly; they don't know that's the Truth. They think it's some kind of a ism. They don't dig down deep enough to get into the spirit of revelation. They don't pray enough; they don't call upon God enough. They just lightly take it, "Oh, well, I believe it's God. Sure." The devil believes the same thing. The devil believes it more than some people claim to believe; **the devil believes it and trembles.** People just believe it and go on, but the devil trembles, knowing his judgment is coming. And people believe it and don't pay no attention that judgment that's coming. Guilty of **crucifying Him.** Sure. I indict this generation, finding them guilty by the same Word that found them guilty at the beginning. That's right. Jesus said, "Who can condemn Me?" He was the Word made flesh. And today the same Word's made flesh.

So you see you can believe and still be found guilty of Crucifying the Son of God to themselves. And why is that? Because they make the word of God of no effect in their own lives.

**God of this evil age 65-0801M P:52** *And notice, he preached that kind of a scientific, social, educated, progressive gospel to Eve, and Adam's bride believed it. And he has succeeded in filling the so-called bride of Christ, the church of the Second Adam, with the same arguments. That's right. "Oh, it's not--it's not for God. God is too good to do it. Why, as long as you go to church. **If thou believest...**" The devil believes, not make believes, but he actually believes, and he's not saved. "If thou believest..." He tells the second bride--or the Second Adam's bride the same as he told the first, such as, "Now, Divine healing, there is no such thing. We can prove that. There's never been a case proved. And this baptism in Jesus' Name, now, don't you realize that I'm the authority of the church," he says. "We've settled that at Nicaea, Rome," when them three unclean spirits went out of the dragon, the false prophets, and so forth. "We believe there is a trinity of gods." Oh, for goodness sake. That's as heathen as can be. Don't you never come before God with such a thing as that, try to stand in His Presence.*

So it matters what you believe, and therefore to say you do not have to understand you just have to believe is ok if you are speaking to someone who is not born again. But we know that when you are born again you will come to the knowledge of the Word of God.

**Possessing gate of the enemy 64-0322 P:23** Notice, now, the natural seed of Abraham. Let's check some of those natural seed, and see if God kept His Word with the natural seed, which was Isaac. Let's check some of the natural seed that believed the full promise of God, and had no question. Now, remember, there were tens of thousands times thousands, times multiplied thousands, that was circumcised, and everything else and still was not Abraham's seed. Sure. That which is Jew outward is not Jew; that which is Jew inward. They, many of them, failed, bitterly failed. Look in the wilderness. They said, "We..." The day of the Passover, or at the drinking at the fountain, St. John 6, they was all rejoicing. Jesus said, "I'm that Rock that was in the wilderness. I'm the Bread that come from God out of heaven. If a man may eat thereof, they'll not die." They said, "Our fathers eat manna in the wilderness for forty years." He said, "**And they are every one dead.**" "Dead." **Take that word and run and see what it means: "eternally separated."** Yet they were Abraham's seed. "Death" means "separation, annihilation, completely destroyed, annihilation." Jesus said they were dead, every one of them. Yet they were circumcised Jews. See, folks, just because we're Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, **got a little confession and things like that... The devil believes just as much as we do. But you've got to be identified with it. God's got to witness it to us by a sealing with the Holy Spirit, no question of the Word. If you say, "Well, That was for the other day," **there's something wrong.****

Notice he said it is not enough to believe, you must be identified with the Word. And the word identified means: **to make, represent to be, or regard or treat as the same or identical to:** and how are you going to represent and be identical to if you have no clue what He is? He is the Word, brother. And you've **got to know the truth and truth will set you free.**

Because there are times when your belief falters under trials and hardships but that is when your understanding that He is faithful despite your lack of faith comes in

**2 Timothy 2:13** *If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.*

**Romans 3:3** *For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God (the revelation of God) without effect?*

And of course we understand that this is the hour that God Himself shall come down with demonstrating power and men will disbelieve anyway, because he promised it would be that way.

**Acts 13:41** *Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.*

Now, concerning our knowing and understanding we see Jesus tell the True Vine that they will know the Word in **John 8:31** where he said, *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye **continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.***

Now, I want you to catch what happens next. The false Vine obviously do not know what Jesus is talking about and it is also obvious that they have no understanding of the Word of God.

Listen to their answer as we read on at : **33** *They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? 34* *Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin* (This word commit actually means to abide in sin) *and is the servant of sin.* And that is because that is what he actually says in the very next :. **35** *And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.*

So if he was just talking about a one-time sinful act he would not be speaking of abiding in sin, which means to remain in it or to make your home in it. And that is why he speaks of setting them free from sin. Because if he were talking about a one-time act you would not have to be set free from it. But to those who remain in and abide in sin, they need to be set free from sin. And we know sin is unbelief. They sin because they believe not.

**36** *If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*

Now, in the next : **37** *Jesus tells them that His Word has no place in them. Notice he says, "I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.*

Now, if the Word of God has no place in them then it is very apparent that they also do not know the Word nor do they understand it. For *had they known it* and *understood it*, they would have had a place for The Word in their heart, but alas they do not it. And in fact the very fact they did not Know him allowed them to hate him and thus kill him.

The Apostle Paul spoke of this in **1 Corinthians 2:7** *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8* *Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

And then Jesus tells them why they have no place for the Word of God.

**38** *I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. 39* *They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. 40* *But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.*

Now, in the next : Jesus gets very specific and tells them that He and they are of two different fathers. He says, ...

**41** *Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; (we know what you are driving at, we are not serpent seed) *we have one Father, even God.**

But Jesus lets them know that if God were their father then their actions would be to love Him, but because God is not their Father they hate him. Showing their actions are not consistent with one who calls himself a son of God. Now, this is important because the same argument can be made today.

**42** *Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, (in other word, it was not even my choice to come) *but he sent me.* And then he lays out the Words that we are examining this morning,*

when he says, ... **43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear** (which means you cannot understand) **my word.**

Brother Branham has taught us on more than one occasion that **to hear** means to understand.

**Hear recognize act on word 60-0221 P:18** *But the church spiritual... **Abel by revelation**, by grace he seen beyond that, and **by faith he offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain**. And **it testified of his righteousness**. God...The same thing took place in Ishmael and Isaac. One was of the flesh, and the other one was of the Spirit: one of the bondswoman; one of the freewoman. **32** It happened the same thing in Israel and Moab, two great churches coming together. And when Israel was wanting to go to their promised place, church spiritual, Jacob's people, Israel on the road, Esau's people met them, Moab, church powerful. And the great leader of the church, Balaam came down to curse his brother, but he found that he could not curse his brother. He failed with the blindness of his eyes to see the predestinated plan, and to see the Word of God. First, **faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word of God**. Then the believer hears It, recognizes It, and acts on It. The carnal man will hear It, **the sound of It**, but never... "**Hear**" means to "**understand**" It. Look at, is looking at something; but **to see it**, is to "**understand**" it. "**Except a man be borned again, he cannot see or understand the Kingdom of God.**"*

And Jesus said these men that he spoke to in **John 8:42** they **cannot hear**, therefore **they cannot understand** His Word.

Notice : **43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear** (Even because you cannot understand) **my word.**

Then he tells them whose father they really are of. **44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.** (why must they do the same as their father? Because the Law of life in **Genesis 1:11** says "**every seed must bring forth after its kind**").

Then Jesus tells us the attributes and characteristics that describe their father and he says, **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?(unbelief) And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? 47 He that is of God heareth (understandeth) God's words: ye therefore **hear** (understand) them not, because ye are not of God.**

William Branham nails down this point in his sermon **Abraham 55-0624 P:22** where he said, "**Listen, first you've got to be borned again of the Spirit of God. If you're not, you'll never understand the Word of God. God has said so. God said, "**I have hid this Bible from the wise and prudent, and will reveal it to they such as will believe.**" If you want to get anything from God, just be a baby. Open up the Bible. Fall in love with Jesus.**

And the Apostle Paul said in **1 Corinthians 2:7** **But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:**

Notice he calls it the hidden wisdom but he also says God has ordained it for our Glory. So it is hidden and remains hidden to the world but to those who are born of the Spirit of God it

does not remain hidden. And in fact he says that your actions will prove whether the word is still hidden from you or not.

**8** *Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

So whether you crucify to yourself the son of God afresh as we see in **Hebrew 6** or not will depend on whether you know His Word or not.

**Hebrews 6:4** *For it is impossible for those who have been once for all enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers (companions) of the Holy Ghost, **5** And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the coming age, **6** having fallen away, it is impossible for them to renew themselves again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.*

Now, these are not those who know the truth, these are those who have heard it but because they did not understand it, they fall away from it.

**Questions and answers COD 61-1015M P:28 152.** *Would you please explain Hebrews 6:4 and 6, and also explain **Hebrews 10:26-39**? Please explain whether this refers to the Holy Ghost people or the sanctified people; please explain the difference. Well, let's see where the person's referring to, **Hebrews 6** and **4**. I love Bible questions that just, it pulls out something in you that you get something that you wouldn't get otherwise. Because you got what the other people's thinking, what's on their heart (See?), and you know what they're doing. Now, there's **Hebrews 10**, and here's **Hebrews 6** and **4**. All right. For it is impossible for those that were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted of the... word of God, and the power of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew themselves again to repentance; seeing that they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. Now, that's one. Now, **Hebrews 10:26**. All right, **Hebrews 10** and **26**.*

*For if we sin willfully after we receive **the knowledge of the truth**, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin, But a certain fearful looking for the judgment, the fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversary. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: how much more sore punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who has trod underfoot the Son of God, and has counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and done despite to the works of grace?*

**29** **They are both about the same thing.** *Now, I would like to explain this to the person. Now, if you notice here in **Hebrews 6** and **4**, it said, "It is impossible for those that were once enlightened"... That's associated with this other Scripture that's just read. If you have been enlightened and then turn away from your enlightenment, it is impossible for that person to ever regain his place again. See? Now, **Hebrews** only tells the punishment that follows this rejection. It's one of the horriblest things in the world is to reject Christ, is to reject Light of the Scripture.*

**30** *Now, you notice, "For it is impossible for those which were once enlightened and has been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, if they turn away to renew themselves again unto repentance..." See? Here we are. "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and **have tasted** (Watch.), tasted the heavenly gift..." **They been right on the edge of it:***

"tasted the heavenly gifts..." Now, **you notice they never had come to the baptism of the Holy Spirit.** See? **They was enlightened to it:** "And **tasted** of the heavenly gift (See?), but were made partakers of the Holy Ghost (by **tasting** of it), and have tasted of the good Word of God, (**part of it.** See?) and powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew themselves..."

**31** Now, **Hebrews 10** here only **gives the judgment for that.** "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses. How much sorer punishment, though worthy, who has trod the Blood of Jesus Christ and counted it a unclean thing that they were sanctified by." Now, to **put these two together** to make the question for you, let's take a Scripture and a person in the Bible that did this, and then we can find... Now, all the church today is the antetype of the type, We know that. There's a type and a ante-type. Now, when Israel was on their journey from Egypt going into Palestine, was a type of the church in the spiritual today on its journey to the promised land... You all agree with that, don't you? All the theologians agree with that, that that was the type.

**32** They left Egypt. Egypt was the world. They come out, went through the waters of separation at the Red Sea through baptism, come out on the other side rejoicing and praising God, went to the, got the laws, and from there on to the promised land. Well, did you notice just before they got to the promised land (See?), before they were to enter into the promised land, which would only been just a few days, ten or eleven days, maybe not that much, 'cause it was only forty-something miles. They would've went right on into the promised land; they'd come right up through the year, every stage of the journey that we've walked. And they come over, crossed over the Red Sea; Pharaoh's army was drowned behind them. They were free from their enemies, started through the wilderness, and **got to the edge of the promised land** at Kadesh-Barnea, **and there they failed.** Why? Why did they fail? Now, Moses said to the ten tribes; he said, "He'll send a man out of each tribe to represent each tribe, to go spy out on the land to see what kind of a condition it was."

**33** Now, if that isn't exactly up to your place this morning, where you come. Today you, the church has come through justification through Luther, through sanctification through the Methodist, and now **up to the time of the promise.** **The promise is the baptism of the Spirit,** which is promised all through the Old Testament and New too (See?), the promise: "**Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you...**" Peter said that on the day of Pentecost. **That is the Promise.** **The promised land is to live in this land of Holy Spirit.** That's God's promise for the church, is **to live in the power of the Spirit.** It's another world; it's another land. You have to come out of the conditions that you been in, to come out to live in this promised land, to receive the promise. Remember the promise, "**You shall receive power from on high, after this, the Holy Ghost is come upon you...**"? And Peter said that the promise that was made all down through the Testament, Old and New... You find promising on up, on up to that day of the Pentecost, and then they entered into the promise.

**34** Now, those people had come out and had seen great signs and wonders in Israel. And then he sent some men out to spy out, one out of each tribe. And some of them come back to... Well, some of them wouldn't go over. Two went over. When they come back, they had a bunch of grapes that taken two men to pack. Now, **they had never tasted grapes.** They were in the wilderness; and therefore, in that place was no place of fruit and stuff. They was fed

from manna, bread from heaven, and quails, and wild life and what they was fed on. But now they were going over into the land, and they had a bunch of grapes that was so big that took two men to pack these grapes. And these two went over into the land and had come back and give every one of them others on the bank **a taste of these grapes**. What did they do? When they went back, instead of rejoicing because they had **a taste** of the grapes, instead of that, they went back to their tribes and said, "**Oh, but we have seen the great walled-in cities of the Philistines, or the Hittites, and the Perizzites,**" and they, and all the different 'ites' over there. "Why," said, "**they are giants. Why, we look like little grasshoppers up the side of them. We can't take that land.** Why did you ever bring us out here anyhow?" See? And **the Bible said that they all perished in the wilderness, every one of them; they died. What did they do? They were borderline believers.** They come up to the real thing, and saw the promise, and felt that they wasn't able to go over and take the promise.

**35** Now, **that's exactly what's come today through justification and sanctification. See? "Has trod the Blood of Jesus Christ wherewith he was sanctified..." it is the sanctified people that come up to a place where they see the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and they turn away and say,** "It's fanaticism; we cannot take it. We'll be turned out of our classes; we'll be turned out of our places. We'll be turned out of our churches. We cannot do that (See?), because it's contrary to our church teaching." See? **Has counted the Blood of Jesus Christ that brought him all this distance, right to the sealing of the promise, and then walk away from it; he said it's totally impossible for them to ever be saved.** See? Not the ones that had walked over in the promised land...

**36** Remember, **Joshua and Caleb** was the only two out of that entire group of **two and a half million people** that went over into the promised land, because they went over in the promised land, and got the blessing, and come back. And they said, "**We're able to take it, because God said so.**" And there they stayed. Why? Now, **all those people were looking at circumstances, but Joshua and Caleb was looking to what God said: "I have give you that land; go get it."** And that's today; the people say, "Oh, if I be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, if I receive the Holy Ghost, if I would speak in tongues or prophesy, or if I would testify or shout in my church, they would put me out." Go right ahead.

**37** You say, "But I'll tell you right now, I live a Christian life; I live a good, clean, sanctified life." That's true, **but you've come to the showdown, come to the place, the borderline. And if you turn away from that, then it's impossible for those who were once enlightened..."** See? In other words, a man comes through justification; he goes, says "I believe I want to preach the Word." He gets saved; he said, "I'm tired of sin." All right. Then he goes out, and first he still smokes, and maybe he lusts or something. After while he says, "God, this is not becoming to a Christian, especially a minister, to look upon women in the wrong way, to smoke cigarettes," or; "I do take a sociable drink of beer with the fellows, but, and even my congregation, but it don't seem right. Sanctify me, Lord." And then the Lord sanctifies him, takes all that lust away from him, everything. Then he's a sanctified vessel. **Then what God presents to him is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. To do that, he has to come out of that bunch he's with. There's where he shows his color; then he backs down. What does he do when he backs down? He tramps the Blood of Jesus Christ that sanctified him, as though**

*it was an unholy thing, not able to take him over there. **Then it's impossible for him to be saved.** And then what does it was? **But on to the fiery indignation and the judgment.** I hope that's clear. If it isn't, why, you let me know at another time.*

So what Word is your borderline this morning? Is it the doctrine of Christ's Parousia that Jesus Preached that it would come, and Paul preached that it would come, and Peter preached that it would come and John preached that it would come, and James preached that it would come, but because William Branham never used that Greek Word Parousia, you refuse to look at it even though he used the equivalent English word Presence more than 4,400 times in only 1200 sermons, and he used other words like there is an Appearing before the coming and in fact he said that the One to come is here. He said "*He is here*" and "*My ministry is to declare Him, that He is here.*"

Or is your Borderline the Doctrine of Christ and you refuse to believe that there is a difference between God and His Son. Then when you turn that down you must crucify to yourself the son of God to your own self.

Or is your Borderline test **John 14:12** that God's first born son Jesus promised you would receive if you had His spirit living in you and you believed what He said concerning the Life in you and was for you. Is that your borderline test brothers and sisters? When Jesus Lived it and preached it, and John lived it and preached it, and Paul lived it and preached it, and Peter lived it and preached it, and James lived it and preached it, and Jude lived it and preached it, and Irenaeus lived it and preached it, and Martin lived it and preached it, and Columba lived it and preached it, and Polycarp lived it and preached it, and St. Patrick lived it and preached it, and Martin Luther lived it and preached it, and John Wesley lived it and preached it, and William Branham lived it and preached it, but you think it was for just one person? Is that your borderline test my brothers and sisters? We are talking about the True Vine knows and understands the Word and to others it is just a guess so, and not a know so.

Now, back to **1 Corinthians 2:9** *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*

What things? How about adoption, and the placing of Sons, How about being conformed to the image of the first born son? How about manifesting as a son of God? How about living and preaching **John 14:12**?

**10** *But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for The Spirit (God's Spirit) searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. **11** *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. **12** 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. **13** *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. **14** But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, (that means it is impossible for him to know them) *because they are spiritually discerned.****

And Spiritually discerned means it takes the Spirit of God in you to know and to discern the things of God.

And what about this promise? William Branham said in his sermon **Spoken word original seed 62-0318E P:175** *Notice, what harmony. Jesus never did anything until seen of the Father or the Father showed Him first: (Harmony between God and Christ. See? **John 5:19**) **So will the Bride**, and He shows Her His Word of Life (**He shows Her**), and she receives It. She never doubts it. Nothing can harm Her, not even death; for if the Seed be planted, the water will raise it up again. Amen. (Now, I got a great big "Hallelujah.") **Here is the secret: the Word is in the Bride** and **the mind of Christ to know what He wants done with the Word**, and **She does it in His Name**. **She has THUS SAITH THE LORD**. Then it is germitized; so **the Holy Spirit waters it until it is grown and serves its purpose**. **They do only His will**. (Amen. I'll believe that.) No one can persuade them different. **They have THUS SAITH THE LORD, or they keep still**. **Then they will do the works of God**. For it is **Himself in them**, continuing His Word to fulfill as He did complete in His day. All things when He was here--He did not complete all when He was here, for it was not time yet.*

Do you believe that promise little bride? That 's no different than John 14:12. Don't let anyone rob you of that promise like the people were robbed of entering into the promised land in Joshua and Caleb's day. Stand like Joshua and say, "**as for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord**."

**15** But he that is **spiritual** (he that is spirit filled) **judgeth** all things, (and how do you judge all things? You give it the Word test.) **yet he himself is judged of no man**. **16** For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But **we have the mind of Christ**.

And so brother Branham said concerning this from his sermon **Key to the door 62-1007 P:68** *Now, when He went away, He said, "It's expedient for Me that I go away. For, if I go not away, the Holy Ghost will not come." See? Then when He comes, He will reprove the world of sin, and teach righteousness, and show you things to come; **that's visions**. "He'll take the things that I've taught to you, and reveal them to you." The very Words that He's come... **No man can understand the Word outside the baptism of the Holy Ghost**. And **when a man says he's got the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and disputes the Word being right, there's something wrong**.*

I don't know about you, but I believe every Word in this Bible, and every promise to God's Elect in this Bible is for me personally. If he said it I believe it and that settles it for me.

And God made a promise to me in **Isaiah 50:4-10** *"The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth me morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as one that is learned. **5** The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. **6** I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. **7** For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. : **8** speaks of His personal presence) **He is near that justifieth me**; (The NIV says, **He who vindicates me is near**. Who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me. **9** Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he*

*that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up. 10 Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.*

So preach his presence and know that when you do, **God will be present** to vindicate your preaching.

The problem we have today is that the people do not believe the Word of God. To them it is like a parable. They say, we don't have to understand it, we are just to believe it, yet how can they believe what they do not know. Jesus spoke to us and told us that the Word to many is like a parable, and He spoke in parables because they were not supposed to know or understand what he said.

**Matthew 13:10-10** *And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? 11 He answered and said unto them, Because **it is given unto you to know** the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but **to them it is not given.** 12 For whosoever hath, (echoes) to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath (echoes) not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. 13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because **they seeing see not;** and **hearing they hear not,** neither do they **understand.** 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and **shall not understand;** and seeing ye shall see, and **shall not perceive:** 15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should **understand** with their heart, and **should be converted,** and I should heal them. 16 But **blessed are your eyes, for they see:** (perceive) and **your ears, for they hear.** (understand) 17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.*

Again we see this same basic story told again in **Mark 4:10** *And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. 11 And he said unto them, **Unto you it is given to know** the mystery of the kingdom of God: but **unto them that are without,** (those on the outside) **all these things are done in parables: 12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand;** lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. 13 And he said unto them, **Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? 14 The sower soweth the Word.** 15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. 16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. 18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, 19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. 20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.*

And once more we see this story again told by Jesus in **Luke 8:4** *And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: 5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. 6 And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. 7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. 8 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. 9 And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? 10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. 11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. 13 They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. 14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. 15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience. 16 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light. 17 For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither anything hid, that shall not be known and come abroad. 18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.*

Now we have spent much time this morning showing you the Two Vines, those who will know the Word and thus will understand it and now those who will not know the Word and thus will not understand it. And by their fruits you will know them.

Let's review again **John 8:38-39** *I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. 39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, **If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.***

**John 8:43-45** **43** Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear (You cannot understand) my word.

Then he tells them whose father they really are of. **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.*

Now, in getting to what this end-time Message is all about we will turn to brother Branham's sermon **The Spoken word original seed 62-0318M** and begin reading from **P:70** *"All right. "And others fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit... when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath (an) ear to hear, let him hear. Oh what a parable. How I could like to preach a text on that now, a sermon. When He had said these things... the 8th*

the 8th : and 8th ....others fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit a hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried... (screamed out, something maybe like this when He said, "Bring forth a hundredfold. He that hath an ear let him hear." In other words, if your ear's in tune with God, let him hear. See?)... his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom... (The mysteries... See what He's talking about here? Now, watch. What is the mysteries of the kingdom? Watch just a minute.)... **mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might see--might not see, and hearing they might not understand...** (See, but God's Word comes right on down to the judgment to judge them, 'cause they did see it. It was there.) **Now, the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.**

**71** What is the Seed of Life? the Word of God. Therefore, for Life, you can't come through a creed; you can't come through a denomination; you got to come back to the Word. Now, the seed of Life. All right, **His Word is His Seed**, and His Spirit is the Water...

**72** Jesus is the Word of God, and He was bursted open, that Life, the Life that's inside the Seed, that this Life, which, is Spirit, Water flowing over--the Spirit over the Seed of God will bring forth the Life of the Seed. And to bring forth something else, there's some other kind of seed there then. Amen. Do you understand? If the Spirit of God comes forth to water the Seed, if it's the Seed it's watering, it'll produce the Life of the Seed. That clear? Produce the Life of the Seed, for that's what It's give for.

Oh, I hope that you are getting what I am trying to say this morning. They hear the Word of Life but they don't understand that it is the Word of Life and so to them it is just words that they hear, and so they do not open it and let the life come into them.

The whole parable is about the Word is a Seed, it is Life, and yet to them they hear and don't hear, they see and don't see because Life is invisible, and it cannot be seen. The attributes and characteristics of the Life can be seen but the life itself is spirit and is invisible. Therefore they are not coming to the Word that they may have life. They are coming to the church to fulfill a moral obligation.

I hope and trust your motive in coming to church is to have more of that Life of Christ released from his Word so that you might receive it into your hearts. Because if you come for any other reason than to receive the Life of the Word, you are hearing but not understanding.

**81** Now, that's why Jesus was so perfectly manifested, **God was so perfectly manifested in Jesus**, because **He was the Word of God. He was God's Word**. That's the reason He couldn't produce nothing but just exactly God. And **if God is in you, what more can you be?** Didn't Jesus say of the prophets who the Word of God came to... Who did the Word of God come to? Prophets. Didn't Jesus call them gods? Why? **God was manifested in them**. What was it? **the spoken Word manifested**. See? That's it. Said, "How can you deny, say... If you had any wisdom, you'd understand." He said, "How can you say you... We called them... God Himself called them gods." And said, "How can you then say you believe them and deny Me when I say I'm a Son of God?" Why didn't they see this then?

**83** All of God's sons must be the same. Yes, sir. To be borned of the Word and Spirit

brings us back to the spoken Word again like in **John 3**. See? To be borned of the Water and the Spirit, what does it do? **Then it brings you right back again unto the place of where you should've been at the beginning.** See? That's the reason of Christ's death: brings us right back again to where? **Sons of God.** If Eve would've brought forth that child... She would've finally done it. Did not God tell her, "Multiply and replenish the earth?" But she had to walk over here play the part of a whore.

**85** Now, now, this brings you right back to the spoken Word. Then we are God's Word made manifest. See? Jesus said the same thing. "**He that believeth on Me, the things that--Who I am, what I come for and the purpose I do, to bring a man back to believe the Word of God and take nothing else with it, the works that I do, He will do also." There you are.**

Now listen here, He's talking about John 14:12 here and then he says,

**86** **Why is it not being done today? It's hybrid, bastard children, mixed up.** It don't, it's a mule; **it don't know what it believes.** A mule don't know who his daddy is, who his mama is. He don't... He's no pedigree; there's nothing to him. He's a illegitimate creature. **That's the way any person that claims to believe God and don't believe His Word will take a denominational creed and breed it with the Word. See, you're not of God; you're dead.** You can't be dead and alive at the same time. So even the Word of God don't even grow. You're just playing the part of a hypocrite. Let that go for bishop, priest, cardinal or whoever it might be. That's right. **It's got to be the Word or you're dead,** just a illegitimate child. And God's Word... **God part won't grow.** You might grow in the same field as we're getting to directly, but you're sure not in the fold. It won't grow.

Now, listen, Brother Branham is speaking of **John 14:12** here, and how people miss it.

**87** All right. All right, we notice then. See, **the spoken Word... Then we are God's Word made manifest. That's how God wants His church: is to manifest Himself. How can He manifest Himself unless His Own Seed is in that person? How can you use your own thoughts and God manifest Himself through you?** How can you take your own belief and say, "Well, my pastor teaches... My creed says that this... days of miracles..." **How you going to do that and then be a manifested son of God?** How you going to do it? **The death of Jesus wasn't nothing to you. "Oh, I accept Him as my Saviour." You don't. You say you do, but you don't. Your works proves what you are.** Jesus said the same thing. "If you think I am illegitimately born..." They said, "**We're Abraham's son and need nobody to teach us.**" Said, "**If you was Abraham's children, you'd know Me.**" See? Said, "**Which one of you condemns Me of sin (unbelief)? Show Me one thing that God promised of Me that ain't fulfilled. Show Me one thing that the Father promised that I haven't fulfilled. (Sin is unbelief.) Let's see you produce it then.**" That de-horned them. See? Certainly. Said, "Who's accusing Me? **Who can condemn Me with sin (unbelief)?**" See? "**If I don't believe, then why is the Father doing through Me like He's doing--every Word that He promised? Now, let Me see where you got it in yours.**"

**88** Who is illegitimate born then? They were. Illegitimate children professing to be God's... Jesus said, "**You are of your father, the devil, and his works you do.**" What kind of works **did the devil do?** try to hybreed the Word of God through Eve. That's exactly the same thing that these big denominations do today. **The works of the devil, their father, they do.** They're trying to take a creed and breed it with the Word of God. That's what Satan done in the

beginning--the father, the devil. God bless you, brethren. Come out of it. Jesus said so. You've got one little scratch of God in you, you ought to look and see that. Hybrid. Oh, my.

**89** The works that Jesus did, if a man has the Seed of God in him with the Spirit of God watering that Seed, the same works that Jesus--was manifested in Jesus. Him being the original Seed of God, His death brings you back to the original Seed of God, and if the same Spirit that was within Him is in you, then the same works will be manifested. You don't believe that? All right, let's turn over to Saint **John 14:12.** You say, "I'm a believer, Brother Branham. I sure am a believer." All right, I'm going to see if Jesus would call you one, see if the Word of God calls you one... Verily, verily,... (absolutely, absolutely)... I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father.

**90** What is it? Same seed. Can't keep... How can you plant wheat here and wheat here and say, "I'm going to get cucumbers here and wheat here?" You can't do it. The only way you're going to get cucumbers is plant cucumbers. If you hybrid it, then it won't be a cucumber. It'll be a hypocrite. Is that right? It'll be a hypocrite, friends. This... You've got to say it. It isn't neither one. Isn't cucumber or what you bred it with. It's a crossbreed, and it is a bad product, and it's dead in itself, and it can't breed itself back no more. It's dead right there--back, won't go no farther. That finishes it; that's all. But if you want a cucumber, start with a cucumber. **If you want a church, start with the Word of God. If you want a Life of God, start with the Word of God. Accept the Word of God in Its fullness, every measure of It.** And then that's... And if that is the fullness of God in you, then the rain that's falling will produce exactly what's in your garden. See? Then now, where's your Latter Rain coming up at? You see where that's going after while, don't you? Going over with them wild gourds that Elijah got and thought they were gourds or them school of prophets up there, that denomination they had: gathered some wild gourds and thought they were--they were peas. Oh, well.

**91** Then the works will be manifested in Him are the same, for it is the same Seed Word of God. God's Son was His example Seed. And what His Life was when the Spirit poured upon Him after His baptism and the Holy Ghost come upon Him, the very Life that He produced will, that same watering Spirit of the Holy Ghost will bring forth the same kind of a Life, doing the same thing that He did; if it's the same Seed. Son of God Seed will bring forth a Son of God Seed. Now, shame on you women with bobbed hair. Shame on you preachers denying that Truth. Say, "It's all right; hair has nothing to do with it." But God said it did. **92** See where it's at? See? **That's why I believe the Word. It's a Seed. And if the rain falls upon the Seed, it'll bring forth of its kind.** Now, what's the matter with these revivals? What do we do? Make a million more in '44: Baptists, Presbyterians, and whatevermore, Pentecostals. But where is that manifestation of the works of Jesus Christ. **"I do nothing till first the Father shows Me." Where is that kind of a Seed coming from? The Holy Spirit will water and bring forth that Seed. It's the Water to the Seed. If the Seed's been planted, that's exactly what the Water's for.** If the Water falls on you, you say, "Bless God, let me tell you something, preacher. I'm So-and-so, and I don't believe in that stuff." You're the denominational. You're just an old hypocrite to start with. **That's what kind of seed was planted.**

So in closing, let's just one more time look at **1Corinthians 2:14** *14 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.*

Now, let's read one more quote from God's prophet concerning this.

In his sermon **Blasphemous names 62-1104M P:103** brother Branham tells us of a vision he had, *"And oh, I wish I could remember what I was saying, what my text was. I can't think of it. See? But I was just preaching away, and I was watching myself do it. And then, when I was standing there looking and watching myself preach it... And I was just preaching to "who wouldn't have it." And after a bit I raised up, you know, and I thought, "Glory to God." I said, "Look at these wonderful things, and this, that..." And directly, I noticed the people begin to get like they was physically hungry. And so they had enough spiritual, so they started walking away, and some of them [Brother Branham yawns to illustrate--Ed.] started walking away. I thought, "What's the matter with everybody?" And I looked and here was some young couples going along to my side, and I stopped; I said, "Just a minute, friends, just a minute. You'll be back again when the evening shadows fall." See? I said, "You'll be back again." But, let me give you this first climax. "Where does all these things come from that I've showed you? Where are they from?" I said, "Here they are. They are in the Word of God. They are **THUS SAITH THE LORD**, His promise, 'cause," I said, "all of you bear me record, witness this, that my commission is, 'Stay with the Word.'" I said, "What's the matter with all of you? Can't you understand the Word? You must understand It."*

Let us bow our heads in prayer.