In *The Unveiling of God* brother Branham said in paragraph 94 "How about the people who say that *they are veiled in the Presence of God and preach some church tradition* (Oh, mercy, goodness.) which adds to and takes from, and everything else, *like injecting their own subjects and their own thoughts, and not the Word of God*? See? What kind of a veil? *That's got an ecclesiastical veil.* God tore that veil wide open. They say, "There is no such a thing as prophets. There is no such a thing in these last days as apostles and prophets. There is no such a thing as Divine healing. There is no such a thing as seers anymore. There is no such a thing as *Mark 16* being fulfilled. Apostolic age is done." They veiled It from the people, but God walked right out with His Holy Spirit of fire and rent that thing from the top to the bottom. God has rent the veil.

Now, this morning I would like to take our thoughts from this paragraph and speak on this idea that they take their own subjects and their own thoughts and not from the Word of God. I wish to show this morning that the True Vine will hold only to the vindicated word for the season while the False Vine will place their own ideas above the vindicated Word for the season.

**Hebrews 3:6** *But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.*

**Hebrews 4:14** *Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.* The word profession was translated from the Greek word *homologeo* which means: *an acknowledgment made on behalf of, our confession or profession.* What we profess, what we speak in acknowledgment of.

So in essence we see that confession and profession are the same thing, and they're our acknowledgment of Christ in our life. This does not come by simply pushing a button to listen to a Tape. It comes because the Bible says, "*as a man thinks in his heart, so is he; and out of the abundance or overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.*"

Now there is a term that is being bantered about and I think if you are not careful it will give you a wrong impression. To think in terms of "**pressing play**", That, that is all you have to do can lead to a very recalcitrant way of life. Now, I am not saying we should not "**push play**", because that is the thing to do if you wish to hear what the prophet said concerning a certain topic. But pushing or pressing a button does not give anyone a clue as to who you are and what is in your heart. You cannot manifest "**fruits**" by simply pushing a button. A Christian Life is far more complex than that. Oh, I wish it were true but it is not.

But speaking the Word, and living what you believe will either prove you as genuine or else it will prove you have no idea what you are talking about and you're only a hypocrite. And your life speaks louder in heaven than do your words. "*For by their fruits you shall know them.*"
Now, God knows my heart and I'm not here to fuss with anyone, But I have to answer for my words on the day of judgment when we all stand before the Judge of all the earth. I do have one advantage though, and that is that I believe I am already standing in the Presence of the Judge of all the earth, for I believe the Supreme Judge is here, and since I will have to give an account, I wish to not give you my thoughts on this issue, but to just say what God's Scripture and His Prophet have already said on the matter.

Because we are commanded by the apostle Paul in **Hebrews 10:23-25** *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)*

And our profession which we are told to hold fast to is what we speak in acknowledgement of what we believe He has done for us and is doing in this hour. And we should do this not with malice towards any but with Love redeeming the time. As the apostle Paul continues by saying in the next verse...

24 *And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:*

Now, usually we think in terms of this word provoke as a word that causes something to happen. And usually it is used in terms of anger and fussing. "*He provoked me, so I hit him.*" In other words the word *provoke* in the English language means: to anger, to enrage, to exasperate, or vex. *to stir up,* to arouse, or call forth (feelings, desires, or activity): *To incite or stimulate to action, to give rise to, to induce, or to bring about:*

But brother Branham tells us what Paul means here in his sermon **Unpardonable sin 54-1024 P:32** "*Provoke" there means "to encourage." Encourage one another unto love and to good works. If you see a brother in the church, that's got something against the other brother, *don't say something to stir that thing up,* but *say something that'll bring them together. Provoke one another unto good works and to love,* is what we must do. What is that? That's a man that's born again. If you, my brother, tonight, *don't feel that way when you see your brothers falling out,* and *sharp words between one another,* *if you don't feel like bringing them together,* it's your time to go to the altar. That's right. There's something happened in your life. There is something you've been deceived in. You haven't the experience that God wants you to have. For Jesus, when He was reviled, He reviled not again. And was spoken evil of, He spoke not back again. And when He... When they done evil to Him, He turned and did good to them. When they persecuted Him and nailed Him to the cross, He looked down and said, *"Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." If that kind of Spirit's not in you, the Holy Ghost has never entered you yet,* for that was the same Spirit was on Christ Jesus. The Bible said, *"Let It be in you." Christ is in His Church.*

That is why I wish to speak on this subject this morning, not to show aught against any, but to show you where these things can lead to.

Now, I do not for one minute disagree with playing the tapes, because brother Branham told us that if there be any question as to what he said then certainly play the tape to find out.

But many have taken this thought of playing the tapes as an opportunity to stay home, when that is not what William Branham wished for us to do at all. And neither did the apostle Paul as his very next verse he says, **25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together,** as
the manner of some is; but *exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*) And you cannot exhort one another without speaking and preaching.

In fact Jesus admonished us in **Luke 21:36** *Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.* So we are called to an active watch, not a passive one. **Pushing play to replace coming together is not an active watch but a passive way to express your faith.** And that is why the Apostle Paul said in **1 Thessalonians 5:20-21** *Despise not prophesying.*

**Despise not preaching**, but rather **Prove all things;** (and then) **hold fast to that which is good.** So how do you prove all things? You give it the Word test.

This word "prophesying" was translated from the Greek Word *propheteia* means **speaking under Divine inspiration.** It can mean that which is present or future. It was used in reference to the New Testament teachers who taught under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and **the prophetic utterances made by the old testament prophets.**

And so we hear Jesus tell us **Revelation 19:10** *And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.*

So you see it speaks here of the **Divine Inspiration** upon a minister of God whose **Testimony** of Jesus Christ is **the Spirit of prophecy.**

And brother Branham told us it's not the preacher that preaches but God does the preaching in the preacher. he said it is not the teacher who teaches, but the Holy Spirit in the Teacher who teaches.

**Jesus Christ the same 56-0426 P:49** Now, His corporal body sets at the right hand of God. You believe that, don't you? But the Holy Spirit is here working through His sanctified vessels. And God has set in the church what? First apostles, then prophets, then teachers, then evangelists, then pastors (Is that right?), for the perfecting of the church. **God has did it. It's not the preacher that preaches; it's God preaching through him. It's not the prophet that sees the vision; it's God speaking through him. "I do nothing except the Father shows Me first what to do."

**Expectation 54-1206 P:75** The preacher comes with the Word, and **preaches** It, and lays It down, and **shows you It's God's will.** And if you won't take God's Word, to me, that would be enough. But I'm not God. God's in His mercy. Besides that, **He sends on in the Church prophets, and teachers, and evangelists, and everything to get to magnify and get you to the point.**

**Queen of Sheba 61-0219 P:82** Well now, if He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, He's got to be the same in principle, the same in power, the same in manifestation. Only thing is a corporal body; His body is at the right hand of God the Father in heaven setting on the throne. You believe that? A High Priest. And now, His Holy Spirit is here, which the Spirit was upon Christ, which is God, in human flesh, your flesh, my flesh, as the Blood cleanses us. **He preaches the Gospel through the preacher, prophesies through the**
prophet, and reveals the secret hearts, speaks through tongues, interprets tongues, and everything's setting in order. You believe that? All right.

2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy (Divine Inspirational Preaching) came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

1 Corinthians 14:22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying (Divinely Inspired Preaching) serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

1 Corinthians 14:6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, (Divinely Inspired Preaching) or by doctrine?

1 Corinthians 13:2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, (Divinely Inspired Preaching) and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

So although the preaching is divinely inspired, yet if it is not laced with love it is nothing.

1 Corinthians 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; (Divinely Inspired Preaching) to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

Romans 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, (Divinely Inspired Preaching) let us prophesy (Preach) according to the proportion of faith;

And so we are told by the Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 1:13 to "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus."

But the false Vine hold to their own ideas above the Word, and will not subject themselves to the Word of God.

Psalm 10:4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

Isaiah 55:7-11 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Ezekiel 18:29 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 29 Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. 0 house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal? 30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways,
saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Psalm 103:6-7 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. 7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

Genesis 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Psalm 1:5-6 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death

And again we see the same thing in Proverbs 16:25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Jeremiah 8:5 Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.

Hebrews 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

Matthew 15:19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

From his sermon called Life story 54-0314 P:16 Brother Branham said, "God has sent ministers to preach the Gospel" And if Paul said in Ephesians 4 And God gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Questions and answers COD 64-0830M P:112 349. Now. Brother Branham, is it true that no one should preach but you?

Now, notice that this question was asked of brother Branham 55 years ago. That's a long time, so don't think this is something new we are hearing these days. That same spirit was setting in the meetings back then. But listen to his answer, and then you have your answer, He continues to read the question, and it is a good question, but there is a reason why br. Branham read that question back then, and I believe his answer has not changed.
He reads on, "We have seen you ordain men. We don't believe you would do that if there were not to preach. Mercy. Brother, sister, ever who told you that nobody's to preach but me, I'd sure be a poor subject to God with all that. No. Every man that feels a call of God upon his life, get into the ministry and start preaching; we need them. Men of God are anointed all over the world to preach the Gospel. See? I'm just one little pebble on the beach among many big stones. See? So There's just many that's more eligible, more worthy, more of anything to preach than me; I'm just one little, humble person laying out here. I'm one grain of wheat in a whole garner. See? So that just a, you know what I mean. Any man that's called of God needs to preach the Gospel.

And from his sermon Revelation chapter 4 pt 3 throne mercy 61-0108 P:56 Nowadays they're so, "Well, we don't believe in saying 'hell' in the pulpit." Oh, mercy. So...?... Uh. We need men of God, men who won't hold back. Now, everybody can't be a preacher, but you got a voice. And if you can't preach the people a sermon... If you're a preacher, you're called to the pulpit to preach. If you're not, you're still a preacher, but live the people a sermon. Let your sermon be lived, and it's the voice of God that'll bring reproach to them who reject it. They say, "No one can put a finger on his or her life. They're sweet, living... They... If there ever was a man of God, it's that man or that woman." See, live your sermons. Don't try to preach them if you're not called to be a preacher; get all mixed up, anyhow, and messed up, and you'll get people tangled up, and you won't know... Well, you'll ruin them and yourself too. Just live your sermon. The preacher's called to preach his and to live it too. If you can't live it, then stop preaching it. But you're supposed to live your sermons.

God's only provided place of worship 65-1128M P:61 You're responsible for that Gospel, a preacher is, and that's all, not how it's written, it's just responsible for saying it. And as a servant, if you're a prophet, you're responsible to God. And if the visions that comes to lightens this Scripture and shows what It is, you're responsible for every Word that's in that Bible, 'cause It was all wrote by the same kind of people you are. "God of old moved, by the prophets, and wrote the Holy Bible." See? No genuine prophet of God could deny one Word of It, but believe every Word and preach the same. And then God's obligated out of that channel to make that Word come to pass just exactly the way It's promised; the Seed will grow.

Power of transformation 65-1031M P:74 A preacher can take this Word, and go forth and preach It, and say that Word, and that Word will grow. But the preacher could be a hypocrite himself. It's the Word. See? But the true living creature of God takes all of the purpose, the Word. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out." And you add something else with That, you got a perverted plant.

And then for those who say we don't need somebody to teach us because the Holy Ghost is the teacher, then why did he set in the church teachers?

From his sermon 54-0516 - Questions And Answers (Law Having A Shadow) 33 Oh, please, church, have faith, just a little while. See. You must come under teaching. You say, "I don't need no one to teach me after the Holy Ghost is come." My friends, that gives me just a little room to doubt whether you've really got it, or not, then. See? See?
The way you’re acting with it. See? See, the thing you’re doing. Now, why, if there is no… if the Bible says the Holy Spirit is the teacher, why did the Holy Spirit put teachers in the church then, to set the church in order, the same Holy Spirit? Sure. We don’t need any seminaries to go around, a big bunch of men to look out, these things: the Holy Spirit is a teacher. See? It’s a teacher, and It gives some fellow a gift of teaching, then you must be subject to that gift.

And we are commanded in 2 Timothy 4:2 to Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. And preaching, reproving, rebuking and exhorting are all by the Spoken Word. You've got to preach to exhort, you've got to preach to rebuke, you've got to preach to reprove. And push play won't get it done. Because it is too easy to set back and not really pay attention to what God's prophet is saying on those tapes 50 to 60 years ago.

And let's just use a little bit of common sense in this, because a man is called a preacher because he preaches. And a teacher teaches, an evangelists evangelizes by preaching and teaching. An Apostle preaches and teaches, and so does a prophet. He is a preacher.

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name...

And if that teacher goes and teaches under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost then signs and wonders shall follow his ministry because anointed teaching and anointed preaching is the same thing.

You can't preach under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and not teach. Because if you just get up there in a lather and feel the anointing and then just tell them what they already know, nothing will happen as far as signs and wonders following, because God didn't send you.

In Luke 6:40 Jesus said, 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.

That's why brother Branham said in his sermon 54-0516 - Questions And Answers (Law Having A Shadow) 33 Oh, please, church, have faith, just a little while. See. You must come under teaching.

And 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 is such as 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 fifth, 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 call. For such preachers, do not preach; such hearers do not hear; such believers do not believe; such callers do not call; they will be damned because they would be saved by falsehood. As we read in Proverbs 1:28 "Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: for that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord". Then only they can preach with certainty who preach without error."

And the only way you can do that is to number one be filled with the holy Ghost, because "unless you have the Spirit of God you cannot understand the things of God", that is the Apostle Paul taught us in 1 Corinthians 2.

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 quickening to life. Conception means to quicken to life.

We know 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 a seed which is the Word of God. And that seed will produce a life according to the law of reproduction, which states, "Every 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 which is 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, and 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. Luke 6:40 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 and I have seen it with Brother Vayle. So we see Jesus
warning the disciple about getting his 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., what they are teaching for
the season. In other words, the fruit is what they are teaching, The fruit of their ministry.

And he tells us that if you are a good tree, then you cannot teach error. Your teaching will
be right smack on target. For the word 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 telling us 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 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 feeding 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.** That's Ephesians 5:13.

So then, we must understand that all seeds here 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 have 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 understanding of the other was that he **did not have to do**.

Look, what saved Noah and his household? His **passive faith in believing God that it was going to rain?** Or **His active Faith expressed by 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've been commanded to apply the token**, and I just don't understand how people can think that means to simply believe it. If I told you to apply the paint you would find a roller or paint brush and open the can and start applying 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 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. 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: 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 "My Doctrine shall 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, then the judgments that the doctrine bring with it begin to take apart every house that is not founded in the rock which is revelation. You see the flood is the waters of separation, and we know the waters of separation is the Word itself.

Notice the rain (Doctrine) must come first, then the flood which is the waters of separation which will take any house that has not been build upon a rock which Is Revelation. And not just any revelation will do for Christ is that Rock. And therefore there is one Faith and therefore one Revelation and that is the revelation of Jesus Christ.

And building your house upon that rock which is Christ will weather any storms that will come. So he says the rains will come, that's the doctrine, and 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 it 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, you will be tested to see whether you have it or not. That's the trial of your faith that Peter spoke of in 1 Peter 1:7. 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, or to drive out.

In others words, they didn't want His doctrine. They wanted to expel him to get 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. 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. Dissipation: which means Wasteful expenditure or consumption. 3. Dissolute indulgence in sensual pleasure; intemperance. 4. An amusement; a diversion.

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. And then he said, Drunkenness: which implies a losing of one's ability to rightly reason. And to be resolute in our minds. Anxieties of this Life: And we are told by jest 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.

Notice he said, if you are caught up in these things, that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 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."

So what we are looking at is a warning here. We are not to be so lax that we think all we have to do to fulfill ourselves as Christians is to push play, or press the play button and presto-change-o, we are now Christians.

I know that we should not joke in the pulpit, but I think this will help you to get what I mean. There was a man who was a protestant and he moved into a Catholic neighborhood. And as all Catholics, they did not eat meat on Friday but this protestant was not a Catholic so on Friday after a hard day at work he came home to relax and grill out a steak. When the neighborhood got a good whiff of his wonderful grilling of steak, the men got angry and came to him and said you cannot do that here. This is a catholic neighborhood. He said, I am not Catholic so I can do it. So they took his little water sprayer. and sprayed him and said "thou were a Protestant and now thou art a Catholic" and then they said, "if we ever see you out here again on a Friday grilling steak we will come and kill you as a heretic." We can't have it and so you shouldn't have it either.

Well, that did not phase the protestant one bit and the next Friday after a long day at work he came home to relax and cook himself another steak. When the neighbors began to smell that steak they got very angry and came to his house with pitch forks and baseball bats to teach him a lesson. But as they round the corner of his house they saw him take up the bottle of water and sprinkling it over the steak he said, "Thou were a steak, and now thou art a fish." And neither will just pushing play make you a Christian my brother and sister. "By their fruits you shall know them." Let's bow our heads in prayer...