

Unveiling of God no 150
Written Epistles - the attitude expressed
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This morning we will continue in our study of brother Branham's sermon **The Unveiling of God** and this will be **no 150** in our series.

To begin let's pick up at paragraph **138** where brother Branham is quoting the apostle Paul from **2 Corinthians** the Third chapter and verse **3:2-3**.

Now let's read as brother Branham makes reference to these verse and see what he has to say about them.

Notice brother Branham says here *"Ye are written epistles, read of all men,"* or, *"You are our..."* Translate that, turn it around this way (See?), just turn It around, *"You are epistles that has been written," 'cause you can't add nothing to It, "that's read of all men."* *"Manifested Word of God," in other words.* And Peter and John, to show it, when they went up there, they perceived they were ignorant and unlearned; they had no education, but they taken notice they'd been with Jesus. See? *They were ignorant and unlearned, but they were written epistles* (See?), read that they had been with Jesus, 'cause Jesus was manifesting Himself through them, Christ veiled in their flesh, manifested, made alive, like He was in Moses.

Now, I want to read for you from **2 Corinthians 3** where the Apostle Paul says exactly what brother Branham is telling you here. So let's start with verse **:1** *Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?*

Now, what does he mean here, *"Do we begin again to commend ourselves?"* What does this word *"commend"* mean? Because if we do not know what the word commend means, then we really have no clue what Paul is telling us here. So we find out the word commend was translated from a Greek word *"sunistao"* This is actually a combination of two Greek words *sun* which means to bring into association with, or companionship with, and the word and *stao* or actually the word *para* which has to do with vicinity, bringing into close approximation. Put together it speaks of *"to cite or name with approval or special praise"* *In other words a letter or recommendation from a certain group or association.*

That is why the Apostle Paul right after saying, *Do we begin again to commend or recommend ourselves?* He is asking the question to let the people know that it has nothing to do with us, or any group we belong to. For he adds, *"or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation or recommendation to you, or letters of commendation or recommendation from you?"*

So Paul is saying it is not about identification with some group or organization, as I have come across even in this Message. Now it is understandable that you cannot preach in a Baptist church without having letters from the Baptist hierarchy.

You either need the letters like **DA., D., Ph.D., LL.D., Doctor of Literature, Doctor of Divinity**, etc. and then you need a letter of recommendation from the organization to show you are in good standing. But that is just organization, and when you organize that is the minute you die. Brother Branham said that and I have always believed that. And what really surprises me is in 2001 I held meetings in the Philippines, and found out when I was there that they had over 100 ministers at that time in a Message ministerial organization. I told the brothers, get your names off that document, brother Branham said organization is the mark of the beast.

From his sermon **Trying to do God a service 65-1127B P:35** he said, *"Now, and when I speak of denominations, I'm not meaning for you to be so cruel and... No, I don't mean for you not to go to your church. Go to your church, what you're supposed to do. But **just don't join up with them organizations**, because one day I'll be telling you and prove it by the Scripture; **it is the mark of the beast**. And you just remember, **it's the mark**."*

And from **God's power to transform 65-0911 P:90** he said, *"The seeds rotted right in the path of duty on the road to the promised land. Every one of them perished and rotted, right straight in church in the line of duty following God, and let Satan spray that intellectual spray over them, educational, intellectual conception, saying, **"Why, we're all the same; we're all children of God."** **You're not**. But he let that false teacher there spray them with that intellectual conception that he had of it. And just like the Ecumenical Council's doing right now (See?), same thing, **"Why, we'll all join together in one great organization."** **Your whole organizational system's of the Devil. It's the mark of the beast**, in the Bible. I'll have the book on it pretty soon, the Lord willing.*

And the minute you organize you die spiritually. God's prophet said so, and history proves it so.

From his sermon **Church choosing law for grace 61-0316 P:51** *What'd they do? They kept **arguing their doctrine till they stayed there till they died**. And that's what's happened **right now**. **They're dead**. **Dead with their organization**. I'll bring any theologian to call this. A historian, I know of two good ones setting right here now, as good as there is in the nation. I ask any historian to tell me that any time that God ever moved in a revival, supernatural signs followed. **When did He ever move that supernatural didn't follow? And when did they ever organize that to an organization but what it died and never did raise again?** Show me one time that a organization ever raised to its beginning again. **It died as soon as it organized**. So did the Pentecostals. You old fighters out there, that wants to say, "Hallelujah, we have nothing to do with that old new issue. Glory to God, it's give to us by prophecy. Hallelujah, we'll have nothing to do with the Assemblies or the Oneness, either one. Hallelujah, we're different." **They're dead**. That's not pulling any punch. And they're dead, marked out: X. **He stayed there and let them die until they were all the way dead**.*

And I think that has repeated once again. Why? That is the pattern.

From his sermon **Paradox 64-0418B P:72** brother Branham said, *“It's not because I want to be different. If I'm that way, then I'm a hypocrite. Then God will never work them things through a hypocrite. God identify in a hypocrite? And far be it from God. **It has to be truth.** But if we could just shake ourself a minute and realize. **And don't think it's some man; some man's got nothing to... Some... God has to choose somebody.** Now, you historians here, **did God ever use an organization? Never.** Now, I want to ask you something else. **When a man raised up with a message, and that organization organized a organization behind that message, it died right there, and God put it on the shelf.** And it never did come to life. Now, just ask, ask yourself that question.*

So you see when we have ministers right in this message that have organized themselves into ministerial organizations, they don't do it to be wrong. They do it because their government tells them they have to be in an organization or they can't have a church? Well, you going to obey man or God my brothers and sisters? What's it going to be?

You organize and you die right there. So what is the use of organizing to stay open if you die by doing so?

It's not just the Philippines, brothers and sisters, its all over Africa as well, and all over South America. The Governments require a denomination for you to be a church. So what are you going to do, take the mark of the beast so you can play church? I don't think so. But they do. And don't get too smug to think it is not being done here in the United States.

If you are not associated with this group or that group you are not welcome to come and preach to their congregations. And worse yet, I have met many of these ministers who belong to denominational ministers insurance groups. I had one brother tell me at a ministers meeting about how his insurance saved him hundreds of thousands of dollars when his wife had major surgery. So when I got home I called that Ministerial Insurance agency and asked them to send me information on it. And you know what? They had to sign a paper saying they believed in the Trinity to get that insurance. And so I asked the minister, I said how can you sign that? And he said, its just a piece of paper. I really don't believe it, but I needed the insurance.

And so they knowingly take the mark of the beast right in this Message and think nothing of it.

We had a minister from DRC come here years ago to visit he said, but when he got here he said he wanted to stay. So we went through the paperwork to help him but the US Government said we had to be a denomination in order for us to sponsor the brother. I told the brother, nothing doing. I am not going to sign those papers, and lie to the government, and he said all the other churches do it. And I said, well, I am not those other churches, I answer to God not to man.

So you see their consciences have been burnt over and they knowingly do wrong and yet think nothing of it. The old proverb says, *“**Fools will walk with hobnailed shoes where angels fear to trod.**”*

So we see Paul tell us we do not what the world does, and therefore we need not letters of recommendation from any man or group, but rather he says **2** *“Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:”*

In other words, if anyone wants to know what I am preaching let them just look at you. Because you are a reflection of my ministry. *“you yourselves are our letter of recommendation (our credentials), written in your hearts, to be known (perceived, recognized) and read by everybody.”* And then he says, ...

3 *Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.*

So he says, God I not interested in your *“curriculum vitae”*, He’s not interested in your “resume”, but when he sees your life, and your living expression of who you are, then it is what is *manifestly declared*” in your life whose epistle you are.

In other words, ³ *You show and make obvious that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, not written with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.*

Because you are a living reflection of Christ yourself. And let’s face it, just as we have a nation full of what is called “RINO’s” which is “Republican in name only” so too we have a nation full of people who go by the name Christian but are no more Christian than a man has descended from a Chimpanzee.

QA Image of the beast 54-0515 P:32 *Belonging to the Baptist or Methodist church don't make you a Christian. There's only one way to be a Christian. The word "**Christian**" means "**Christ-like**." And you can't do it; you can't work it in yourself; there's no way at all you can do it. You have to forget yourself, die out to yourself, and let Christ come in and live the Life of Christ in you.*

And from his sermon **An Absolute 63-1201M P:49** brother Branham said, *“Now, man does right in his own sight, but God's got a way for him to do it. See, when God and His Word and His prophets were missing, every man done just as he wanted to do. And that's what's been in this day, each one says, "I belong to this." **Are you a Christian?** "I'm Presbyterian." **Are you a Christian?** I ask you. One girl said, "I give you to understand; I burn a candle every night." Another man said in the prayer line, I asked him if he was a Christian, said, "I'm an American. How dare you." Like that's got anything to do with it? See, they're tied to a nation. The other one's tied to an organization, dogmas. But a "**Christian**" means "**Christ-like**." And only way you can be Christ-like is for Christ the Word to be in you. That's the ultimate. Yeah. I seen this before I was converted, and I'm glad God got ahold of me before the church did.*

Me too.

But we have somewhere in excess of 2.5 million people who claim to be the bride of Christ claiming to follow this Message. So something is not right brothers and sisters.

When I say I doubt 10% of the people who hang the shingle of Malachi four are not even Christians, I am not trying to be indifferent. I'm actually being quite generous. That would mean that 250,000 people I am saying are Christian. And I'm most likely wrong when I say that. It's more like 1 percent are Christians, Christ-Like, and that would be a very generous 25,000. And yet how can that be when God's prophet said 1 in a million. So let's back up some shall we. If there are 1.5 billion so called Christians of all stripes who claim to be Christians, then 1 in a million would make that about 1,500. And that is getting close to what brother Branham said would be in the rapture. Now, given there were not that many so called Christians in the world back in the 60's because there were only 3 billion people in the entire world in 1960 whereas there is 7.7 billion today, just 60 years later. So I hope you get where I am coming from.

“Not all that say Lord Lord shall enter therein, but he that doeth the will of my Father” Jesus said.

Then the apostle Paul says, **4** *And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: 5* *Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;*

And that is where we have to leave it. Paul told us in **Philippians 2:13** *“It is God that worketh in you both to will and to do his Good pleasure.”* Therefore, “if he began the good work in you he will perform it,” So the converse is that if He is not in you working in you both to will and to do, then he is not in you performing his good pleasure. Therefore *“if he is not in you, then you are none of His.”* So you won't stand a chance.

Then Paul adds, **6** *Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.”*

Therefore if *the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life”*... then it matters not how many times you read your Bible or push play to listen to a tape, unless you have the Holy Ghost living itself out in you, living your life for you, you are still lost.

Then Paul says, **7** *But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, (that's your ten commandments under Moses) was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: 8* *How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?*

In other words if the glory the doxa of God was so great in them ten commandments such that when Moses had been in the presence of God for 40 days writing them, and when he came down His face glowed with the Shekinah presence of God, how much more will it be when the Lord descends Himself with a shout which is a Message, which is his Glory, His doxa, His opinions, values and judgments,... How much greater will that administration of the Spirit be in a greater measure glorious, so that you and the word will become one and you will become not just an epistle but a Living Epistle known and read of all men, when the sons of God will manifest as sons of God.

9 *For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness (right-wise-ness) exceed in glory.*

10 For even that which was made glorious had **no glory in this respect**, by reason of **the glory that excelleth**. **11** For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:

Therefore let me put it to you this way, if the ten commandments were of such a glorious thing that Moses actually reflected the Presence of God off his face, how much more glorious will it be when an entire people at the end time will be conformed to the image of the first born son, and manifest as truly born sons of God should manifest?

Then it was one man, a prophet of God but in this day it is not to be just one man, but an entire people who are conformed to the image of the first born son. And just as in any harvest there had to be a first wave offering, we know that at every harvest the farmer takes a sapling from his field and when that sampling is all dried out and mature and ready for harvest then he will harvest the entire crop.

But we have had to lay in the presence of the son to ripen. That is what we were told to do by God's prophet shortly before he went off the scene.

And so Paul says **13** *And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: 14* But their minds were blinded: for **until this day remaineth the same veil** untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ. **15** *But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.*

And that veil has been traditions and creeds that have blinded the people to the **omega reflection**.

But then Paul says, **16** *Nevertheless when it (the heart, the understanding) shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. 17* Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. **18** *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass (Behold in as in a mirror) the glory of the Lord, (**doxa, beholding the opinions, values, and judgments of the Lord**) are changed into the same image from doxay to doxa, (from opinion to opinion, from values to values, from judgments to judgments) even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Therefore if it is therefore by the Spirit of the Lord that does this, then it is God working in you both to will and then to do His good pleasure. It is God working in you His doxa, his opinions, His values, His judgments. And then you come into His image, and you are conformed to His likeness. For even Jesus said of God's doxa coming into us, that it will make us one with God in the same way He and God were one.

John 17:21 *That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22* *And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:*

Notice how William Branham says the same thin in the next paragraph no **139** *When the Word was in Moses, he was God in flesh. When It (the Word) was in Jesus, It (the Word) was God in flesh. See? Only thing He done was change His mask, not His Word, not His*

nature. *“He's the same yesterday, today, and forever”.* He only changed His form. He changed from Noah to Moses; He changed from Moses to David; from David, Joseph; on down till He come into the Fullness of the Godhead bodily. See? **It's still** the same God. Amen. Amen. I hope that gets through. See? **It is the same God,** but He just takes on **another veil.** See, He puts on **another veil.**

140 He did it in the reformers, **taken on a veil, taken on a veil,** until finally it come down through the Lutheran age, down through the other age; **then finally it comes out into the Complete.** **Just before It comes,** a prophet arises again. When **It** does, **It foreshadows the Word,** showing back there, revealing what's been done, what's been left off, that the church would be **not without understanding.** Then when this fades out, then, like John said, **“I must decrease; He must increase,”** then **All-in-All comes into Him.** **He's fully manifested** through Luther, Wesley, Pentecostal age; and **on down, on down, He's fully manifested.** You see? Come down, just a manifestation, God unfolding. See?

141 Now, notice, fulfilled in His promises for this day as they had. Now, **Moses was the Word that day,** because the Word was given to him for that day: Moses. **Joseph was the Word in his days, portraying Christ exactly.** See, each one of them was the Word. And when Jesus came, **He was the Word in Its Fullness,** because the whole plan of redemption laid in Him. The whole plan of redemption didn't lay in Moses, didn't lay in Joseph, didn't lay in Elijah. See, **they were only part of the Word, pointing to It.** See? (Now, notice, keep your thought, here It comes, as I'd say.) See, the whole plan wasn't in them. They were pointing to It.

142 Therefore after Him, the Fullness, **we** cannot point to something else, It points back to Him, **the Word.** **This is the complete revelation; nothing can be added or taken away from It.** There's the complete revelation. All that, a shadow of Him to come; but when He come, He was the Perfect. **Hebrews 1,** *“God in sundry times spoke to the fathers through the prophets (God spoke through veils, the prophets.), but in this last days through His Son Jesus Christ.”* There you are. Unveiled out there on Calvary, **the Son of God,** unveiled...

143 Notice, **“made alive,”** and today when the Word is manifested in human vessels, **veils,** **It's absolutely the Word fulfilled in that day,** which comes back to God. Being baptized into Him, according to **I Corinthians 12,** we become identified with Him. Amen.

Notice he uses the plural form here showing that in this day it is not just one individual that the word is to manifest through but in vessels. Plural.

Let me put it to you this way. William Branham one vessel, one prophet for the age. Never two, one. Now, he manifests **Malachi 4, Luke 17:30, revelations 10:7** etc. But that was the first fruit for this hour. There are other Scriptures that are to be manifested in this hour as well. **Ephesians 1:3-5** sons of God made ready for adoption. How? By conforming to the image of the first born son that's **Romans 8:29** *“For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”*

Now, that does not speak of just one man, but of **sons** plural, and thus this manifestation is end-time time Elect, who were pointed to the first born son, Christ who is the pattern for all

sons, and it was the Prophet of **Malachi 4** whose ministry turned their hearts back to the Message of Paul the Fathers.

Philippins 2:1 ¶ *If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, 2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, [being] of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5 Let this mind (This attitude) be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

The **Amplified Bible** states it this way, *⁵ Let this same attitude and purpose and humble mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: Let Him be your example in humility:*

The **NIV** states it this way, *⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

So we see that the mind or mindset that was in Christ is the same attitude expressed in us.

Therefore there are five points to consider when we think of our **attitude** and how it either reflects the **attitude** of Christ or not.

Therefore before we conclude, I want to show you the following concerning our having the attitude of Christ.

1. I want to show what having **the right mental attitude** is.
2. I want to show **why we must have the right mental attitude**.
3. I want to show **what the right mental attitude will produce**.
4. I want to show **how our mental attitude affects** those around us.
5. I want to show how **a wrong attitude can cripple our walk**, and **the walk of others** we have influence over.

Now, to begin with, we must first know **what a right mental attitude is**, and in order to know what the right mental attitude is, we must first understand what an attitude is.

I) What having the right mental attitude is.

Now, **Webster's New World Dictionary**: defines **attitude** as *aptness, or inclination, and further states, the position or posture assumed by the body in connection with an action, feeling, or mood, etc.* The word attitude is also defined as *a manner of acting, feeling or thinking that **shows** one disposition or opinion.*

Now, if you caught the main points in each of these definitions, The first stating that **attitude is the posture or position** of the body in reference to or **in connection with an action, feeling, or mood**, and **the other is the action, feeling or thinking that shows your opinion, disposition or mindset.**

So we are looking at the position or posture of the body, and those attributes that show when you are thinking, feeling, or that *express your mood*.

Therefore, attitude is not just a mental cognizance, or a mental understanding, or a mental leaning, but rather attitude is an *outward expression* of our disposition, it is *an outward expression* of our feelings, it is an *outward expression* of our thoughts, it is *the connection of the body to those thoughts*, and how *the body expresses those thoughts*. That's what attitude is.

Remember, Paul told us that we are *written epistles, written in our flesh to show the world the attitude of Christ*. And the key is that it *SHOWS* how we feel, it *SHOWS* just what we think about something, etc.

The Bible tells us that God would "*send forth an angel, to mark those that would sigh and cry because of the abominations done in the city*". The *sighing and crying* is the bodies response to what was being done in the city, and that is *an outward expression* of what their *attitude* was inside their soul. So if there was no outward expression of sighing and crying, then there was no marking.

Remember the Token must be displayed. Brother Branham said "*it is not enough to believe it, you must display it.*"

Token the 63-1128E P:60 *He was not responsible for anybody. The whole family must be brought into, and the token must be displayed. It had to be. If it wasn't displayed, then it was of none effect. You could believe in it; you could say, "Oh, yes, I believe it." But that didn't do it. It... You say, "Well, I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll put it in a bucket, and I'll set it over here on the wall. But really, I think, as long as I have it in here, if I had the blood over here..." No, sir. You can't be a secret boy about It. No, sir. You've got to have It. You've got to have It on display. That was the purpose of putting it on the doors, so He could see it on the lintel and on the doorpost. It's something you're not ashamed of. You want the whole world to know that *you are dead, and your life is hid in God through Christ.**

Your attitude then shows **outwardly** what you are thinking inwardly. **You cannot hide an attitude**, it shows, **it manifests**. You might be able to hide your thoughts but **an attitude goes beyond inner thoughts**. **Attitude speaks of the expression** of your disposition. Your attitude is on display in your body language; in your eyes, in your facial expression, in your tone of voice, and in your posture.

Therefore *attitude is the expression of your opinion*, and your disposition. Now the word disposition comes from two words, *dis*, and *position*. Together they speak of **the putting in order** and refers to **the normal aspects of ones nature**. Therefore **what we see in attitude** is the disposition or **the setting in order** or **the outward reflection** of ones true nature.

Now, we know God's Opinion is His Doxa, and Paul said at the end time when His Gospel would be preached, at that time God's Doxa would be manifest in our flesh. That's what your attitude reflects. Its **the manifestation of His opinions**, not your own. **His Values**, not your own. **His judgments**, not your own.

2 Thessalonians 1:10 *When he shall come to be **glorified** in his saints,* (glorified in His saints. Theis word glorified is endoxazo- en meaning in, doxa meaning the opinions, values and judgments of God, and zo or szoe in your life) *and to be admired in all them that believe (because **our testimony** (Paul's testimony, Paul's Gospel) among you was believed) in that day. 11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: 12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be **glorified** (enodoxazo) **in you**, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

That's Jesus prayer ion John 17 again. And it is to come to pass in this hour, not just in a Prophet, but in the people who heard, recognized and acted upon the Word the prophet taught.

Now, point #1) **What is the right mental attitude is.** Well, **to have the right attitude** means you would first have to have **the rights thoughts** about whatever the object of your thinking is. And that means you must have **the right opinion**, and **there is only one right opinion and that is God's opinion.** What does God think about it, because **His thoughts are not our thoughts, for His thoughts are higher than our thoughts**, and if we are to have a **right thinking** about anything, it must be **what God thinks** about it. And in order to know what God's thoughts are about anything, it must come through the instrument of His Word, **for out of the abundance of the mouth the heart speaketh.**

Therefore if we are to have **the right attitude** then we must have **the attitude that was in Christ Jesus.**

The Apostle Paul said, **Philippians 2:5** *Let this **mind** (this attitude) **be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*** And the word **mind** here has the same Greek word **Phroneo** that is used for the word **likeminded.** **Let this mind that was in Christ be in you.** That's the key that Paul is bringing to us here, and it is a gift from God that only those whom God chooses can receive that gift.

Notice Paul says, *Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be **likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:*** (And notice then that it is **according to Christ Jesus**, the Anointed Jesus. So we see that God has given us a gift to be **likeminded**, and not only to be likeminded, but likeminded towards one another and notice he tells us, **According to Christ Jesus.** Now, **the only way we can be likeminded is if we have the same mind.** So he is telling us here the same thing he is telling us in **Phillipians 2:5** *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.* And for that to happen all we have to do is to skip to verse 13 where he tells us that it will be **God working in you first to will and then to do His will.**

And we know this can only come as God has ordained it to come.

John 1:12 *But as many as received him,* (Now the word received here is the Greek word **Lambano** which means *to take to one's self, lay hold upon, take possession of, i.e. to appropriate to one's self 3e) catch at, reach after, strive to obtain*) *to them gave he power* (Now this word **power** is not the Greek word **Dunamis** that we associate so often with miraculous power, but it is the Greek word **exousia** which means *1) power of choice,*

So we see God gives us a gift, and that **gift is the power to make a right decision**. And that decision is **to become a son, or act like a son ought to act.**) *to them gave he power to become the sons of God*, (now this word **become** comes from the Greek word **ginomai**, and it does not mean that you were a hog, and now you have power to become a lamb. It does not mean that you were a seed of the devil and now you have been given power to become a seed of God. No, it means **to become fulfilled**. In other words, God gives you the power to make the right decision to become what you already are. Its from the root word we use for the word genes, or genetics.

Now, that we know what **the right mental attitude** is, that it is **an expression of God's opinion living itself and expressing itself in your body**.

The next thing we must look at is point number II). **I want to show what the right mental attitude will produce.**

I am the resurrection and life 52-0810A P:61 *It's your attitude towards it. Your attitude towards God's Divine gift, will get you just what ask for. Do you understand? Oh, how I'd like to stop right here, Brother Boze, and punch that for about a half hour, but I can't do it. Your attitude: God can send a gift, and no matter what you... **Depends on what attitude you take towards it**. Look at them who smote His face and spit on Him, and everything, was no virtue there. But a woman that believed the Word touched the hem of His garment, was healed. Is that right? All right. **It depends on what you think about it**. God sends it. **It's your attitude towards any Divine gift, determines what you get out of it**. So there...*

If you read **Hebrews 11**: which we do not have time to fit it in here this morning, but the entire chapter shows how **our faith is on display and actually shows our attitude** towards God and His Word.

Proving His word 65-0426 P:12 *But before we pray for the sick, we've got to get the people in that attitude. It's the attitude that always brings the results. It's the attitude that you take towards God. Here's a woman touched His garment; she was healed with a blood issue. A soldier spit in His face, and put a crown of thorns on His head, and felt no virtue. It's your approach. The attitude is what it takes. And that's what it is tonight, dear friend; it takes the attitude. **We are, and believe that we are in the Presence of Jesus Christ, but it's your attitude that brings the results**. The mechanics is here and so is the dynamics. **If you can just get started, God will do the rest.***

In **1 Corinthians 9:10** *no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope*. Here we see the farmer plows in hope expecting to reap from his efforts. You see when you are sowing **with an expectation** you sow with **a right heart and a right mind**, and thus **a right attitude**. But if you go through the motions without a true expectation, then your attitude will show.

Romans 8:24-25 *For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it*. If you do not see it then you are still hoping, but when you have seen it, it shows that your hope has **become manifested**.

Expectations 50-0405 P:13 *Just for a little text, if I should call it that, I want to speak for a moment or two on the word of "Expectation". "We always get what we expect. When people expect anything, well then they usually get what you look for. It's the mental attitude that you have. Remember this, and never forget it. The right mental attitude towards any promise of God will bring it to pass, the right mental attitude towards any promise of God. It doesn't take gifts of healing to heal sick people, any person in here has a right to meet Satan anywhere, if you're a Christian, and defeat him on any grounds that he could stand on. When Jesus Christ was here on earth, and in Him dwelled the fullness of the Godhead bodily, all the great powers of God was in His Son, Christ Jesus. For the Scripture tells us that **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself**. All things was delivered unto Him, though He spoke nothing but what the Father told Him. **He healed no one but what He first saw being healed**. For He said, "Verily, I say unto you, **The Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing.**" That was Saint **John 5:19**.*

Now, brother Branham said **you get what you expect**. And you know it is not as amazing that Jesus walked on water, because he was the Son of God, but what is truly amazing is that Peter was able to walk on water as well until he lost his focus. **He lost his expectation**. And the Scriptures tell **We would see Jesus 57-0226 P:21** *But now, while He's here working with His Church in the form of the Spirit... Then if His Spirit is with us, He will act just exactly like He act when He was here on earth. It'll make you act the same way, because it's not your spirit anymore; it's His Spirit in you, Christ's Spirit in you." **The things that I do... He that believeth on Me** (Saint **John 14:12**.), **the works that I do, shall ye do also.**" See? We'll do the same works, think the same thoughts, live the same type of life. If the Spirit of God is in you, it makes you live like Christ, Christ-like. Then **you become a written epistle, read of all men**, Christ in you, reflecting His Light out of you, as **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself**, and **reflecting God from His own body**. **No man has seen God at any time, but the only begotten of the Father has declared Him. God was in Christ**. And what Christ's attitude was, was God's attitude, 'cause the two work together, the Spirit and flesh united together. Got a sermon on that: "The Dove And The Lamb." Want to get on it one night, one of these weeks.*

Now, We are examining what an attitude is and what the right mental attitude is. #1) **We find that there is only one right attitude and that is what God thinks about it, and His actions toward the object of the attitude**. We found that Jesus Christ came to earth to display to the world God's attitude towards the world, the sinner and the Seed of God.

#2) **We find that the right mental attitude will produce what it is meant to produce**. We examined the Scriptures, and took a handful of people in the Scriptures and examined their reaction to the Word of God. **Their reaction to the promises of God was their attitude** towards God and His Word, for He is the Word. We showed by many infallible Scriptural proofs that the right mental attitude towards any divine promise of God will bring it to pass. Remember the Romans centurion who simply said just speak the word and my servant will be healed. He understood authority and thus he got what he expected.

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In examining **Hebrews 11:** and we read of many examples of men and women who displayed **the right mental attitude** towards God's word and we saw how they received the thing God had promised them.

And that brings us to **Point Number Three.**

We must know "**Why we must have the right mental attitude**".

Now there are several reasons why we must display the right attitude towards God's Word.

1. Our attitude **will produce a result**, depending on the attitude we display.
2. Our attitude **does not create an atmosphere**, but rather **expresses the atmosphere** in which we live. It is **the expression of the nature of your soul** and thus **it creates an atmosphere around you** of **who you are**. You are identified with the attitude you express.
3. And thus you are judged, and will be **judged for the attitude you display** to others, and the **attitude you display toward God**.
4. Thus your attitude will not only affect your own self, but has an effect upon others.

Let me read again from **Proving His word 65-0426 P:12** *But before we pray for the sick, we've got to get the people in that attitude. **It's the attitude that always brings the results.** It's the attitude that you take towards God. Here's a woman touched His garment; she was healed with a blood issue. A soldier spit in His face, and put a crown of thorns on His head, and felt no virtue. **It's your approach. The attitude is what it takes.** And that's what it is tonight, dear friend; it takes the attitude. **We are, and believe that we are in the Presence of Jesus Christ, but it's your attitude that brings the results.** The mechanics is here and so is the dynamics. If you can **just get started**, God will do the rest.*

Now, you might ask, why must we have a right attitude, but remember, it is **the attitude that brings the results**. If you do not come with the right attitude you will never get anything from God except a rebuke, and hardship. And that is the way it is with anyone in life. You all know that raising children. That is one of the first things you teach your children, is to have **a right attitude** towards others and to have **respect for Mom and Dad**, and **authority**. And that is the way it is with God. The old moral says, "**you can get more bees with honey than with vinegar**". And a moral is a point in a story that is there to illustrate a truism.

There is no one I know that would rather have people treat them like dirt than with respect. **Show respect and you will get respect back in return. Show contempt and you will receive contempt. You reap what you sow. To have friends you must show yourselves friendly.**

Look if someone is in need and they politely ask, I usually do what I can to help them out. But as soon as they get uppity and start to demand, that is when I just close up and won't help them anymore. I have experienced this in the mission field. There were some pastors overseas that we enjoy helping, but when some got uppity and started demanding we help them, and we owed it to them, it just shut down the compassion I had for them, and left me feeling empty of compassion for them. With no more compassion for them, why should I bust and work three jobs to support them?

When divine love is projected 57-0126E P:19 *Then when you become a son or a daughter of God, your disposition changes; your attitude changes; your all, your look towards life and towards others changes.*

You are not the only one living on this planet, and the blessing from God that you receive also affect the people in which you associate with. **When you are blessed you become a blessing to others. The atmosphere of blessings you live under does not just shine over your head.** If it were not for the blessings of God shining down upon the Elect, the whole world would be under a curse right now.

Deuteronomy 28 speaks of Blessing and cursing that we can **expect to receive depending on our attitude towards God and His Word.** If we receive and respect God and His Word, we are blessed, but if we reject God and His Word we are cursed.

Deuteronomy 28:1 ¶ *And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe [and] to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: 2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.*

Notice we are told that we won't even see them coming, until they are upon us and have overtaken us. One day you just wake up and everything seems to be going your way. That is the blessing of God. Now, I don't have time to read to you all these blessing, but just open your Bibles at home and study this chapter and see how the blessings of God in just about every aspect of Life are therefore you if only you will hearken diligently, which means to use diligence in paying attention to the Word of God. But the same holds true for those who will not do so, only the same things you are blessed in for hearkening become curses for not hearkening.

Deuteronomy 28:15 ¶ *But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:*

You see, **the results you get depends on what attitude you display towards God and His Word.**

Now, remember, **Your attitude creates an atmosphere, or an environment. God in His people 50-0227 P:20** *Your attitude towards the gift will determine your healing.*

Resurrection of Lazarus 50-0813A P:43 *Why, she knew if God was in Elijah, surely He was in His Son. Hallelujah. That's right. There, she said, "If I can only get to Him, I'll find out the reason my brother died. So she pressed right on through that crowd of unbelievers.*

When she got down there to where He was...Now, look, seem like... Seem like that she had a right to upbraid Him, doesn't it? Say, "Why didn't You come to my brother?" Scold Him. "Why didn't You come to my brother?" If she would've approached in that attitude, she'd have... That miracle would've never happened. **It's your attitude of approach, how you approach anything.** If you come... Like on the gift here, **you've got to approach the gift in the right way. You've got to approach God in the right way...** You can't come, say, "Now, Lord, looky here. I've been a pretty good fellow. I've... Get some hand-me-downs. But I'll tell You; I want You to take me tonight and say..." No, no. God don't take it like that. **You come God's provided way, or you don't come at all.** That's right. That's true.

Wedding supper 56-1006 P:35 God wants a Church that He can lay His hands on. I don't care how little it is. "Two or three gathered in My Name, I'll be in their midst," not just speak it. Then you say, "Well, we gather in His Name." Speaking the Name of Jesus by word is not what He meant, so much as **it is the attitude that you're gathered in, the environment of the Name of Jesus.** "When you gather in My Name, then ask what you will." **It's the motive that you come in, the attitude. It's an attitude instead of so much of a calling a Name.** Sinners call that Name on the street, curse it and everything else. But it's the environment that you're in, the attitude that you come, coming in Jesus' Name.

Brother Branham said in the sermon, **We would see Jesus 62-0627 P:15 depends on the attitude that we take.** Now, God always sends His gifts and things into the generations, into the churches; and **whatever attitude the people take, that's the results of what they get.** We know that. You... God doesn't push Himself on anyone. You have to want Him.

And in the sermon, **God in Simplicity 63-0317M 6-1 30** he said, **When a minister walks into a congregation of people praying in the anointing of the Spirit, you're bound to hear from heaven.** That's just all. There's no way to keep from it. But if you walk into confusion, then you're so confused, the Spirit's grieved.

You get what you are looking for. If you come to church looking to hear from God you will, but if you come to find something to criticize you will find that too. So **you see the importance of our attitude and the atmosphere that it creates.** As I mentioned last night, **we set an atmosphere by the attitude we express** by our body language, and the tone of our voice, and the way we look and the way we posture our body. Body language means something to people, and it means something to God. It expresses our attitude. It is an expression of the true nature of our soul.

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Now, what does he mean by “*if you can just get started?*” “I believe what he is saying is **not that you can produce anything, but if you do the right thing, and say the right thing, it will bring right results.** You see, **God will do it for you if your attitude is right.** After all, God is sovereign and He doesn't have to do anything for anyone. But if you go to Him with the right attitude, then ask what you will.

John 15:5 *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for **without me ye can do nothing.***

God in His people 50-0227 P:3 *And then, as I bring Christ to you, He will be on your hand. And you'll have to answer for what attitude you took towards it: if you turned it down, or if you accepted it. **God will have you to answer for your attitude of this meeting, so you must realize it's a very sacred thing.***

And not only do you receive what you expect, but you will also be judged for your attitude. It is the attitude that expresses what we are, and that you will be judged for. And you will take your attitude with you because **your attitude is an expression of your character.** It is an expression in your body of **the nature of your inner man.** And for that you will be judged. In closing let's just review.

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Let's just bow our heads in prayer. Father we want to thank you for your word knowing that **the attitude that your son displayed is what we want. May our attitude be like that of your son Jesus** who was dedicated and consecrated and may our attitude be thus until you take us up in the rapture.