

Unveiling of God no 154

“If the Light of your Eye be Single Your whole Body shall be full of light”

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Let's remain standing for the reading of the Word. To read for our text we shall look first to:

1 Thessalonians 5:5 *Ye are all **the children of light**, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.*

John 12:36 *While ye have light, **believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.** These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.*

Let us pray, ...

You may be seated.

Last week if you recall we focused our thoughts on “God is Light”, and we showed you how God being a great fountain of Life, displayed himself to Moses, Paul and William Branham as that great Pillar of fire. The same Pillar of Fire that led the children of Israel out of Egypt a type of the world into the land of Promise, a type of the Word Promise of God. We showed you how that same Light appeared to Paul, and took the people out of the church tradition, the Jewish faith and brought them into the promised Word and Faith of Christ. Then we showed you also that the same Pillar of fire that appeared to Moses at the first exodus and to Paul at the second exodus has come back in to bring a third exodus appearing to William Branham to lead us out of the church and into Christ the Word and the promises for this hour of an exodus from this world.

We saw how in **Genesis 1:3** God spoken and brought forth a son and this son appeared as a light, the day star, and in fact was the logos that went out God in the form of the Word. God being the great fountain of Life spoke and out of that speaking came forth a light which was the son of God. The logos coming out of the fountain of logos. A part of God, the son of God. As all sons of God are logos and a part of God, and came forth from that great fountain of Life which is God.

As we closed we just touched on the fact that when you are born again the Holy Spirit comes into your being at your new birth as a small light about the size of a little button on your shirt. In other words, that little light which is a little portion of God, His Logos, comes into you as somewhere perhaps 1 cm in diameter or so. That is what brother Branham taught us.

Now, we just read this morning for our text where the apostle Paul taught us that we are ***children of the Light***. And we know that brother Branham taught us that when we receive the Holy Ghost it comes in as ***a small light*** about the size of the button on his shirt. And then he said when we add God's Word upon God's Word upon God's Word that light begins to grow larger in us until our entire being become a complete reflection of God's Divine light and Life.

From his sermon **Uncertain sound 60-1218 P:20** Brother Branham says, “*As I illustrated it, like a button. When a man's saved, that much of him is God. That's the little Light that comes in to make him quit doing what's wrong.*”

I want you to think about what he just said here. Most people listen to the tapes and it goes in one ear and out the other without them taking time to shut the tape down for a second, and meditate on what he says. It like let's get this thing over with. That is why I don't like playing an entire tape at one setting. There is way too much he is saying for us to just set there and listen as though we are there for entertainment.

We should not do that. We should listen to those tapes, then pause the tape, and take time to think about what he is saying when he makes statements like this one or it just goes in one ear and out the other.

But he said *That's the little Light that comes in to make him quit doing what's wrong.*

Now think about what he just said. That Light is to show him what is right from what is wrong. And when he is wrong, God promised “*If you are any otherwise minded, I will reveal it to you.*”

That is what the Apostle Paul told us in **Philippians 2:5** *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:* and then immediately after that he says in **Philippians 3:15** “*Let us therefore, as many as be perfect,* (as many as therefore that are *teleios* that is the word Paul used when he spoke of one who is completely mature and ready for adoption, and since this is the hour for adoption we need to read this carefully because it pertains to us. So he is saying here) “*Let us therefore, (as many as are mature finished off and ready for adoption), be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God* (That portion of His Spirit that is abiding in you, that little light and Life of God) *shall reveal even this unto you.*”

So when brother Branham says, “*That's the little Light that comes in to make him quit doing what's wrong.*” Now, remember that which is righteous doeth what is righteous. And to be righteous means to be rightly wise. And you cannot be rightly wise without the Holy Ghost in you to show you right from wrong. *Righteousness from unrighteousness.*

Now, let's continue reading from br. Branham as he goes on to say, “*Now, if you can take all the malice, and envy, and strife, and unbelief out, that little button-like of the Light and power of God will keep growing, growing, growing, growing, crowding out unbelief. And you don't do it by exhortations of bodily exercise. You do it by a sanctified, consecrated Life, that the Holy Spirit moves through you.*”

Ok, now, I would like to stop here again and say let's look at these thoughts as well, because when you are born again the light (God's Light) comes in. That is fact. That is what William Branham said, and that is what the Apostle John said. When John saw the Spirit of God come into Jesus at his baptism on the river Jordan He saw the Spirit of God come upon Jesus and remain in Jesus. That is what John said. So let's go to John chapter one and read for ourselves concerning the Light of God coming into His Son.

John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* (ok, so John is focusing our thought on God here.) **2** *The same was in the beginning with God.* **3** *All things were made by him;* (Who? God, He's still talking about God) *and without him was not any thing made that was made.* **4** *In him was life;* (in who was Life? In God, we are still focused on God here.) *and The life (God Life) was the light of men.* **5** *And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.* **6** *There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.* **7** *The same came for a witness, to bear witness of The Light,* (to bear witness of God who is The Light) *that all men through him might believe.* **8** *He was not that Light,* (no more than William Branham was not that light either) *but was sent to bear witness of that Light.* (God) **9** *That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*

Notice here that he says **The True Light**, which is God, who **lighteth every man**. Now, this word **lighteneth** is **photizo** which means to literally give light to.

So just as God gave birth to Himself a son when that Logos went forth and brought forth that first light by the Spoken word. When a part of the Logos went forth from God to bring forth the son of God as we saw in **Genesis 1:3**, so too John is telling us that God brings for all sons the same identical way. And William Branham taught us the same when he said, at your new birth God sends a part of Him into you as a little light that enters you are your new birth.

John continues, **10** *He (God) was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.* **11** *He (God) came unto his own, and his own received him not.* **12** *But as many as received him, (God) to them gave He power* (“exousia” an ability to make a right decision) *to become* (ginomai – Be finished because of being foreordained to be finished as) **the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:** **13** *Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.* **14** *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

Now, let's skip ahead to see how this son is baptized with the Holy Ghost?

29 *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.* **30** *This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.* **31** *And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.* **32** *And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.* **33** *And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.* **34** *And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.*

Now, in all four Gospel it tells the same story of the Spirit of God descending upon him in the form of a dove and remaining on him. Now, you cannot see a spirit, spirits are invisible, so the form that the Spirit took on was expressed in a light shaped like a dove.

Calling Jesus on the scene 63-0804E P:55 Notice, how is He identified, what could He? If the Bible said, **Colossians 1:15**, that we worship an invisible God. **God is invisible**. Do you believe that? Then this person coming around here with nail prints, and smoke, and blood, and everything else, that wouldn't make him God. **We worship an invisible God. He's always been invisible until He identified Himself in Jesus Christ.** Is that right? Now, the invisible God identifies Himself in you. See? You are His temple. **"Ye are the..." Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.** The Scripture says so. The Pillar of Fire that Moses saw was not the invisible God. **That Pillar of Fire was the Shekinah Glory that represented that the invisible God was at hand.** When John baptized Jesus, the Son of God, **God, the invisible God, come down in the form of a Light**, shaped like a dove sailing down through the air, **the invisible God identified in the Shekinah Glory.**

Ok, so we see how God came into the first born son and we already read where He does the same for you and I when we are born of God.

Why 61-0128 P:79 Now to you people that wanted to renew the joy of your salvation, and to you that... Somewhere you've lost joy. **Think back what you did.** Did you neglect prayer meeting? Neglect reading the Bible? Neglected praying at your home, asking the blessing at the table? **Don't never do that.** Oh, my! **That's so unbecoming to Christians.** No matter where you are, bow your head and pray. Don't be ashamed of Him. Pray anywhere, see. And if ever where you left that joy, that whatever weeded it out, what little root of bitterness come in...**Remember**, when a man is saved, this much... **like this button here... becomes Eternal Life in your heart. That's God.** As you're able to push out all the roots of bitterness, then God begins to spread in you. Then you become a son of God. A man was made to be god, to be a god. Do you know that? **He's in the image of God; he's a son of God; he's like Him.** He was given a domain (**Genesis 1:26**), dominion over the whole earth. That's right. ... He was in the image of God. **What happened? Because he disbelieved God's Word, it sent him right back out to shift for himself.** Now God's trying to bring him back. And when you have faith, and accept Him, my brother, **just let that little Light begin to grow out, taking all the roots of doubt and bitterness, yielding yourself to the Spirit.** Then you begin to become a son of God, a daughter of God, begin to grow in the grace of God. **The Holy Spirit begins to build His kingdom within you.**

Messiah the 61-0117 P:18 Now, for instances when a man gets saved, he's just about like... **The Light that comes into him is about like this little white button on my shirt.** That's when God comes into the inner part of a man. **In the inner part of a man or... A man is made up in the system of a tabernacle: in the outer courts, then holy place, and the holiest of holies; the Shekinah glory on the inside, the veil.**

To whom would we go 60-0606 P:33 And neither has the light of any creed or anything else outside of Jesus Christ; **He's God's Light.** And **He's the One that give us the Holy Spirit.** And **when we live in His Presence, it makes us act different, look different, talk different, be different, because we are walking in Light.** **Children of Light**, you live in It; bathe yourself in it; enjoy Its life-giving flows. That's the reason we had to come to Him to find it. You don't find it by some creed. You don't... it's... Your creed, I'm not condemning

your creed. If you've got your creed and got Christ too, amen. See? But **if you've just got your creed without Christ, you're in a miserable shape**. That's right. Don't try to get in like that, because **it won't give light**. You'll walk along, stumbling all your life, never able to understand why these people cry, why they shout, why they clap their hands, speak in tongues, Divine healing, the powers of God. **You'll never know it by some artificial light. You'll have to come into the real light, the Light of Jesus Christ, Who lights every man that cometh**. Come into that Light. **"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No man cometh to the Father, except by Me."**

His wonders to perform 58-0112A P:32 Oh, if Christ is presented in the right way, the world will respect it, if there's any respect in them. Certainly it is, **if it's brought in the way of Divine light**. That night when we left the church, he had a lantern in his hand; he said, "I'd give anything, parson, if I could only believe that God would forgive me of my sin." He said, "I've killed two or three men, and I know that I'm a guilty sinner. But when I seen them things happen in that little church, I'm aware that there is a true and living God." I said, "He will forgive you. And He wants to forgive you. And the very hunger in your heart means that He's working on your soul." He said, "If I could only feel it." I said, "You'll feel it." He said, "When I feel it, I'll believe it." I said, "Believe it and then you'll feel it." He said, "I wish I knowed how to do it." I said, "Where do you live?" He said, "Across the mountain about two miles." "How do you get there?" "Up over the ridges and through the paths." I said, "It's very dark." He said, "But I got a lantern." I said, "You can't see your house with your lantern." He said, "No, that's right." I said, "Then how you know you're going to get there?" I said, "Just take the lantern in your hand and you're standing in the light; you walk in the right direction; every step you make the light will light up the road." I said, **"That's the way you find Christ."** **Stand in His Light**. Stand in His blessings. Stand in His power. **If you're sick, how you going to get well?** I don't know, but He promised to do it, and **the Holy Spirit is a witness of His Light** and His resurrection. **Just walk in the Light and go the right directions towards Calvary; it'll lead you to your healing and to your blessing. Just take the Light with you as you go.**

Only one true living church 51-0727 P:16 How do you do, lady? Now, I suppose that we are strangers. I don't believe I ever seen you in my life. But we're strangers of life, and you have come to me for help. And **I perceive, immediately, that you're a Christian, a believer, because the Holy Spirit will not embrace sin**. You've noticed that in the meetings, if you've been here before. When sin is at the platform, or out there in the audience, It'll call it right out. Because He can't tolerate sin; God can't. **He's holy, and He can't tolerate sin**. And I ask you to believe me as His servant, and you do. ... Now, you're aware that something is going on, aren't you? You know it just now when I begin to speak to you. Now, something happened just then, didn't it? Now, that wasn't... That's nothing to hurt you now. **That's to heal you**. Did you see the picture of It back there last evening? You wasn't here. I want you to pass by the desk and **see the picture**; you'll see what that is, the looks of it, when the best research in America, and it hangs in a religious hall of art today: **a supernatural Being**. Now, that the audience might know. Just since we been talking, a real, I'd say, a lovely sweet kind feeling comes over you. Is that right? If it is, raise your hand. Now, what that is, that's

*the Angel of the Lord, contacting. There's something wrong with you. And I am His servant. Just as that wire in that light is a servant to the light, it isn't the wire; it's the electricity going through it, that makes the light, the wire cannot make no light. Neither can I know what was wrong with you, or have any Light to you. It's **this Spirit that you now feel, that brings the Light.***

So we see that every time the light went to one person or another there was healing that took place. **1 John 1:7** says *if you walk in the light as He is in the light it not only brings you into fellowship with Him, and one another, but it cleanses you from all sin.* And sickness and disease is a result of sin. It was brought to earth through the disobedience of one. *“By the obedience of one brought healin”.* But *you've got to walk in the Light if you want to be cleansed.* Because when the blood cleanses there is a dual atonement. You are cleansed of your unbelief and illness. Both.

As I mentioned last week, about the discovery of light for healing in the scientific realm? Red light reduces inflammation and quickens the time for your body to heal from a wound. I have a unit with red LEDs for healing of cuts and bruises. There is a lot of science behind it, and NASA tested it in space.

According to the *European Commission Cordis* which research has been studying the effects of light in healing. They said *“Blue light is known for its anti-microbial, anti-proliferative and anti-inflammatory effects without damaging the tissue as compared to hazardous UV light as well as its low penetration depth [1-3]. Therefore, in the first stages of the wound healing process, blue light irradiation is applied, inhibiting the formation of bacterial colonies on the one hand and preventing an overshooting epidermisation by growing keratinocytes leading to a premature wound closure. For later wound healing stages, after the wound is “disinfected”, it was planned to apply red light to stimulate an accelerated cell growth [4] of inactivated cells being located in deeper skin layers like fibroblasts or stem cells.”*

If they only knew we already have the light inside of us by the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, but if you want that light to spread out beyond your soul throughout your entire Body you have to give up your bitterness and doubts. As brother Branham said, *“**just let that little Light begin to grow out, taking all the roots of doubt and bitterness, yielding yourself to the Spirit. Then you begin to become a son of God, a daughter of God, begin to grow in the grace of God.**”*

Jesus said in **Matthew 6:22** *The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.* So what does he mean *“if thine eye be single?”* He means if your entire focus is on Christ the Word, you are single focused, then *“thy whole body shall be full of light.”* And that is exactly what brother Branham was telling us in the quote I just read.

You all know my study on the 7 colored lights of the Rainbow. Go back and review it and you will see how the different color Lights of the rainbow emit via different frequencies. And I believe like a frequency generator, Light can heal, because every time a person was

healed in William Branham's campaigns he would say, the light went over that person, they are healed and it went to this one, they are healed and on and on. So if you are afraid of this COVID19, **get the Light of the Holy Ghost in you** and to allow it to build up in your body you have to die to self, and let that Light of His glorious presence take over your mortal vessel.

Matthew 5:13 ¶ *Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*

Notice, He told them that *they are the salt of the earth*, and then told them, “*however, if the salt loses its savor, what good will it be?*” The Greek word that *savour* was translated from a word which means *insipid, Lacking flavor or zest* or in other words, *Lacking excitement, stimulation, or interest; they had become dull*, and **the light they were to reflect had become dull in them**. Because He went on to say in the next verse, **14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

The symbol of the basket that Jesus refers to here that hid the light was the very life and blessings that God had given the people.

If we examine the Scriptures and find **35** times that the word *basket* is used and in all of them we find that it refers to *the benefits* or *blessings from God*, and also refers to their life.

We find that Paul's life was saved when *he escaped from Jerusalem being let down over the walls in a basket. Moses was saved from death at the hands of pharaoh's soldiers when he was floated to safety in a basket.* Jesus showed forth the power of God and the blessings from God when *he took a little fish and several loaves from a basket and blessed them, and multiplied them*, and after everyone had enough to eat there were 12 baskets left over.

In the Book of *Two Laws, Deuteronomy* God told the children of Israel that when they entered into the land of promise, *they were to take from the blessings of the land and place them in a basket and offer them up to the Lord.*

Also in Deuteronomy 28 where we see the blessings and cursing God promised the people we see that they would be either blessed or cursed *in their basket* depending on their attitude towards His Word.

So we saw the importance of what Jesus was telling the people in this symbol. He said *you are the Light of the world, you are the lamps to the world* to show them the way, but *if you get so involved in your life and the blessings that I've given you*, you'll become of no use to me, nor to the world that you are to be reflecting my light to.

Look how brother Branham turned down wealth in order to keep his *focus on Christ*. Yet we find so many today building kingdoms for themselves at the expense of other churches that were little to begin with. So many little churches that have struggled have just folded their tents because the big churches went after their sheep. That is exactly what David had done and God cursed him for it, and he reaped very difficult times for what he did. And so we must take into consideration *the basket of plenty* that represents us before God and *make sure our lamps are trimmed and burning*, lest we end up as the rest of Laodicea who look to their riches and their increases and because they were blessed with so much they soon forgot where it come from and thus the very blessings from God turned out to be their curse. Why? Because they looked to the gifts instead of the Giver of Gifts.

I do not know why men strive to have big groups when He is not coming for a big group anyway. Br. Branham said, from his sermon **Does God Change His Mind About His Word 65-0418E 7** *Now, being a little group... Remember, it's not a big group that He comes for: "Fear not, **little flock**; it's your Father's good will to give you the Kingdom..." See?*

And from his sermon **God Keeps His Word 57-0120E E-44** br. Branham said, *"Ahab's motives were wrong. He was trying to make a big showoff to trap Jehoshaphat. And that's the same thing the devil's trying to do today. "Why, we're in the majority." Sure, the Church of God has always been **the minority**, until Jesus comes. "Fear not, **little flock**; it's your Father's good will to give you the Kingdom." That's right. **We are in the minority**. But that's all right. As long as God is there, it's still majority to me, and I know it is to you. For **if God is with you, who can be against you.***

And again from his sermon **Life is the Healer 57-0611 E-67** he said, *"Two-thirds of the world heathens, and what one-third... What does a heathen mean? **An unbeliever. Two-thirds of the world together make up that group** and saying we don't need signs again. And look at the Christians, **so-called**. Look at the differences with them, unbelief. **They're just a small percent of the Christians believe in Divine healing. Very few of them believe it. How much more we need the Lord Jesus in His resurrection tonight?** No, wonder He said, **"Fear not, little flock. And straight is the gate and narrow is the way, but few there'll be that'll find life.***

And from his sermon **A Total Deliverance 59-0712 26** he said, *"I want this Tabernacle, now that you're on your feet, I want you to keep pressing towards the mark of the high calling. Whatever you do, cling together, **be as clannish as you can be, but always with a arm out to reach and get someone else to bring them in.** But in this faith that we're now preaching and earnestly contending for, **don't you move one inch from it.** For if you believe me to be His servant, this is the program of God. **It'll never be in the majority. It'll always be in the minority, always has and always will be.** But remember, it is written, **"Fear not, little flock; it's your Father's good will to give to you the Kingdom."***

And now I would like to read a prophecy of Br. Branham's which he has taken from the Scriptures. From the Message **Be Not Afraid** preached on **June 6, 1960** He said, *"Lord, God of heaven and earth, the hours are creeping along. The night is growing dim; **the light of the earth is going out.** Soon You'll be here; it's darkness soon and no man can work.*

*There'll be a controlling powers in this country that'll shut up such meetings as this. Soon we won't be able to have this kind of a meeting; it'll finally grow out. You spoke in Your Bible that they'd confederate themselves together; You said they would do it, and they will. And **there'll come a great shaking amongst the people**. And just only those who are recognized in this great federation will be able to hold meetings. And **it'll be an intellectual group; the Spirit will be pushed off in the minority**. But You said, "**Fear not little flock. It's Your Father's good will to give you the kingdom.**" So I pray, Father, that **while it's Light and we're walking**, and have this wonderful nation that we're living in, freedom of religion, can still pray, and still have healing services, and serve You, **let the people step into the Light while the Light is here**. I pray that You'll anoint me tonight; help me, O Lord. I pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.*

And **speaking of the Light while we are still able to walk in it**, I would like to continue this afternoon to search the Scriptures for symbols and parables that Jesus used, and we will examine their application to us in this hour.

For Brother Branham said in the message **Shalom**, "*all the new Testament speaks of this hour.*" Therefore when we read from the New Testament always keep that in mind that it speaks for this hour.

Matthew 6:22 **The light of the body is the eye**: *if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.*

Now the word **single** was translated from a Greek word meaning literally **to be un-braided, or un-twined with others**. In other words, He is telling us if **thy eye is singularly focused**, then **your light will be great**, and then he says... **23** *But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness.* And the Greek word for **evil** is **poneros** which means **full of labors and annoyances**.

In other words, **so full of distractions, that there is no focus. Your focus can become blurred by a lot of distractions** just like a lot of noise can muffle out what you may need to hear.

When there are a lot of voices, it is hard to hear clearly the one you need to hear. Have you ever been in a room filled with people talking and you can hardly hear yourself speak when you are trying to tell someone something? And if you can't hardly hear yourself talk, how much worse is it to hear the one you're talking to. You've all heard the expression, "**it's so noisy in hear I can't even hear myself think**".

And **if your life is so full of activities**, and you are running here and running there, how can you even **hear that still small voice of God trying to talk to you and have fellowship with you**? The Scripture tells us, "**If a trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who can prepare for the battle?**" And if you can't even hear yourself think, then how are you going to hear **the voice of God** in the midst of all those distractions in your life?

So many want to be like brother Branham and have the relationship that he had with God, but how many do what he did to have that relationship? How many of you get up early in the morning and go out from the house just to get alone with God?

How long are you willing to sit in quietness just to wait on an answer from God? Listen to this quote from the message **Hear His Voice**.

Brother Branham said **Hear His Voice 58-1005M** “*But **there's so many voices today that takes the voice of the Lord away from us.** There's **the voice of pleasure.** So many people are listening to that, where they can go and have a good time. And many of them are professing to be Christians. Some kind of an old rock-and-roll coming up, they just can't listen to what God... They say, "Well, I'm a Christian, I read a verse in the Bible today. Yeah, 'Jesus wept.'" That's it, go ahead. **But then, to really get down and pray, they got to many other things to do.** There's so many voices in the world, **so many things to attract our attention from God.***

Now, I showed you the quote where brother Branham said “*in order for that light to grow inside of us we must sanctify ourselves and consecrate ourselves to God.*”

Too many people, even among us right in this Message will tell you brother Branham lived a consecrated Life and they will even also say that they wish they had that kind of relationship with God like he had. But they're not willing to live a consecrated life like he did, one that is sanctified and set aside for service like he did. A life that is Sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

I believe our biggest problem in this church and in the Message in general, is that the economy has been too good, and we need to pray that God would take away those distractions that have pulled us in every which way. And I said back in October 2003 to this church that “What the church needs today is a great depression to get us to refocus our thinking.” Brother Branham said “*it will take the squeeze to bring the church together,*” and we are now seeing the beginnings of that squeeze.

You say, why would you say that brother Brian? I say that because we know from a vindicated Prophet of God that the way up is down. And the way up is a Rapture and we know that **it will come in a time that is very down economically speaking.** Laodicea is rich and increased with good but decreased with God. They are blind to Him. But **when the great depression comes, we will be caught up to be with him,** so the way up is down. You see it?

From his sermon **Voice of God 63-0120M 25** Branham said, “*And today, **one reason that the church is in the condition that it's in, is because there is so many voices, so many other voices to attract the church from the Voice of God,** till it's very doubtful that many would hear the Voice of God though It spoke right in their midst. They perhaps wouldn't even understand it, because it would be a foreign thing to them. They have got themselves so much centered on **the voices of the day.** 27 And if we notice in our Scripture reading, that **the Voice of God** was foreign to them. And **it's become that way again today, that the Voice of God... There is so many other voices.** And then if God promised He would give us that, and if other voices are contrary to the Voice of God, then it must be the voice of our enemy to confuse us, that we would not understand the Voice of God when it spoke.*

Have you ever seen those pictures that are so full of colors and lines and curves and there is so much details that you can't really see the picture. But if you begin to just focus down on that picture, and keep focusing in until your focus becomes single, eventually you will see the hidden picture. And that is what Jesus is telling us here. ***If we are clearly focused down on the Word then our light will be great, but if we have so many distractions, then what light we do have becomes darkened by the distractions.***

Jesus continues by saying, ***If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!***

Now, this is very symbolic what He's saying here. ***If thy light be darkness then how great is thy darkness.*** Imagine that you who have light, and ***the light is a lamp unto your feet***, but what if that light or that lamp becomes so darkened by the soot from the wick that you can't even see any light coming out of that lamp. That's the same as all the distractions that we have around us today pulling our attention ***away from God's voice*** to us. Then **what light we do have actually becomes that which actually blinds us**, because they all say, we have a prophet so we're ok, and **yet they're not listening to the voice of that prophet** and they're not taking heed to his message.

And the Apostle Paul told us the same thing in **2 Corinthians 4:3** ***“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.***

Notice it is the devil that is using the gospel to blind the people. There are more complete sets of **the voice of God** sermons out there than at any other time in the history of mankind, and yet there is more perversion and more distractions than at any other time as well.

Evening messenger 63-0116 P:32 *I believe in genuine Bible holiness. And I do not believe in this corruption and rotten stuff that sets an example before our people called Hollywood. And I've always been against it. And I think a man that has the Spirit of God in him would be against it, because the Spirit of God would testify that it's wrong to him. Now, I think that's one of the... We used to go over to Paris to get naked models for to strip our women; now Paris comes over here to get ours. See? Hollywood leads the world. And the nude fashions that we have of today, beyond France (Just think of that.), that drunken, brawling, immoral place, and yet Hollywood beats that altogether. And all of our televisions, the everything they have on it is **uncensored, just dirty jokes, and rotten corruption**, just weighed into everything. And the people, **the Devil**... Wouldn't let us send our children to the picture shows years ago, we **early Pentecostals**, but now the Devil slipped one over and put it right in the house on us. You see? So he just brought the picture show right in.*

And I would like to add to that. Because that was said in the 60's when there was still censorship. But now it's all on the internet. It used to be that if you wanted to see a particular show or movie, you had to wait for the television company to schedule it. Like every year around Easter time we got to see Ben Hur and the Ten Commandments, but we had to wait.

Now you can turn on your computer and just go to “**Youtube**” or “**Netflix**” Amazon “**Prime**” and watch just about any movie that’s ever been made. And the more you find out that most of those Hollywood celebrities are into Satanism and child torture, and sodomy, and child sacrifice, if you are any sort of a Christian, or even just a normal human being, you wouldn’t want to see anything that Hollywood has to order.

It is interesting that even the name “**tell-a-vision**” means they want to **tell you a vision**, and then you have to be in the right “**channel**” and like in the occult they call it channeling of spirits. And the thing about each channel, is that each channel uses **Programming** to give you the program you are seeking after..

Tell a vision, channeling, programming? These are all occultic terms and they have brought them right into homes across this nation. That is why William Branham prophet of God told us “*if you are going to apply the Token, you’ve got to kick that thing out the door.*”

Token the 63-0901M P:151 *That's what they did in Egypt. That's what they did in Jericho. If you want to read another one? Acts 16:31. Paul told the centurion, "Believe; I'm the messenger of the hour. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, thou and thy house shall be saved." Is that right? Believe for your house. Bring them all under it. Now, you've seen the God of heaven perform a miracle, just before judgment. You believed it. "Yes, what can I do?" He said, "Rise and be baptized." Paul took him out and baptized him, said, "Now, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou and thy house shall be saved." Believe what? Believe the Lord Jesus Christ for you house. Apply the Token to your house. Then what do you do when you apply It to your house? Move all the trash out. Get all the short skirts, and the shorts, and the cards, and the cigarettes, and televisions, and whatevermore, and kick them out the door. You're going to apply the Token, won't stand still for it. Yes, sir. Take it all out. All the dances and the parties, and rock-and-roll, and old vulgar newspapers, and the stuff that's of the world, kick it out the door. Say, "We're cleaning out this place around here."*

And that is how you sanctify yourself and your house and get ready for the rapture. But will the people do it? They’re not.

Listen, you have to be disciplined. A disciple is not a disciple without discipline. The root word for disciple is discipline. And you have to set an altar in your home and schedule your prayer time or it will get away from you.

When my kids were young we scheduled prayer time every night before they went to bed. Today as empty nesters we schedule 7:30 to 8:00 for our Bible time and prayer. We pray for each of you by name and all we know around the world mentioning each by name, and praying for each person we know and love.

And that is how we show our love to your and all our friends and family around the world. But if we didn’t schedule a set time sure as shooting we would not get in our prayer time and then try to catch up when we got in bed, and believe me that is no way to come to God. It shows him he is not first on your list, but last.

From his sermon **Conferences 63-0608 P:108** Brother Branham says, *“Let's have one like **Acts 4**, and you confess everything that you've done that's wrong. And right over the table where you're at, that altar where we ask the blessing... That's a family altar, the table, where you thank God for the daily bread.*

Just one more time Lord 63-0120E P:73 *You fathers, you mothers, are you ready to establish an altar in your house, and take that television out? Are you ready to take that deck of cards off the table? Them comic books that your children's reading, preparing their little mind for a blast that the Devil's going to give them. **Are you ready to establish the old family altar again?** Or do you just want to continue on the way you are? If you want to continue on, you're not in condition of coming yet; but I pray that you're like Samson, you see the price and you're ready, "Lord, let me die with them." He knowed if God answered his prayer, what was going to cost. Many people, I've seen them right since I've been here, come up to the altar, and the Holy Spirit come to them, and they don't want to die. They want to stay alive in the world. **You can't serve two gods at the same time.** Are you ready to forsake everything to serve God? Listen at him cry, "Lord, only this once more."*

Revelation chapter 4 pt 2 24 elders 61-0101 P:5 *So we did at the bedside when we got up, and then come in to the table and where usually a little family altar, they gather around the table and pray...And so we always try to make it a habit of praying of a night before we go to bed. **I have that since I was first converted.** I get up of a morning, and it's too dark and too misty for me to walk; I don't know where I'm going. But if I just ask Him to take my hand and guide me through the day...*

Expectation 55-1001 P:70 *May the great Pillar of Fire, that led the children of Israel, sway over this pulpit tonight, come down, prove the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, that people will be without an excuse then. Heal the sick tonight, Father, make the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak, the cripples to walk. Cure the heart trouble, cancer, all different kinds of troubles. God, I pray that You'll mend up the broken homes, and make the ones that's in homes that's indifferent, fathers and mothers who doesn't pray, give them an experience tonight that they'll start a family altar at their home. Grant it, Lord.*

But what has taken place over the past 40 years? The people are becoming a people who are blinded to the very Gospel they proclaim to believe, because they've watered it down so much by the sheer volume that it no longer means so much to the people to have it. **There was a time when we would listen to the prophet of God for hours every day. I could call one of the believers, and in the background you would hear the tape going. Someone would drive up in their car and we'd hear the voice of God from their speakers.** And in those days we didn't have the full libraries like we have today. That's when we could only get a handful of tapes. And we would have gladly spent everything we had to get a tape or two of the prophet back then, but now that it's become so inexpensive, and we only have to pay \$10 for an entire library of every sermon that was ever recorded of God's prophet, or just download them for free. And now that the people have full sets in just about every home, you'll be **hard pressed to hear anyone listening to a sermon.**

Now, I'm not saying you aren't. But you'll be hard pressed to find people listening when they drive up, or when you call them. So I ask "what voices are we listening too"? What has your minds attention so much that you're not focused in on God's Voice to us in this hour?

From his sermon **Voice Of God 63-0120M 31** brother Branham said, "**There is so many voices in the earth today, that it is absolutely a hard thing, because it deadens the Voice of the supernatural.** There is **so many intellectual voices,** great voices of mighty man who are intellectual, that in their intellectual conditions, even shake the nations. They're just not overnight people, but they shake nations, bringing great organizations together, great campaigns, floweredly. And a person would be a bit confused. **It's enough to confuse them,** of how that these things go on and prosper. And there's voices that raise up and do these things, and it **causes the Voice of God to be placed way back somewhere, the True Voice of God.** 32 "**And the Voice of God,**" they say, "**how will we know it's the Voice of God?**" Because for today... **Then it was an a-vindicated prophet.** Now, today, **how we know it's the Voice of God, because it's the manifestation of the prophet's Word. This is God's Prophet. And a true Voice of God only brings back that real, living, supernatural God with His supernatural Word, with the supernatural manifestation of the true Word.** Then we know that **It's the Voice of God.** Because and that super... **There's so much other in the other realms, that just almost deaden That out.** But, remember, It will glisten; It'll come forth. It'll do it. 33 Now, **there is a voice today in the world of politics.** That's a great voice. And people, absolutely, in this great day of politics, they'll... **It's all mixed up in their churches and everything.** And many times, that we have just seen recently, that **the voice of politics is actually stronger than the Voice of God in the churches,** or the American people would've never did what they just done. See? They'd have never done it. **If the Voice of God would been kept alive in the church, they'd have never made that mistakes. But the voice of politics is so much stronger in the earth today than the Voice of God,** until people sold their Christian birthright for a mess of popularity, education, and political power. It's such a shame to see it.

And so we see that the many voices have cluttered up the minds of the people and they've become blinded and deaf to the voice of God in this hour.

Now, Paul told us that ***the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the people,*** and God's prophet William Branham said in the sermon, **Putting on the whole Armor of God 62-0607 E-104** "***To disbelieve the Word, you are blind. The preaching of the Gospel blinds the unbeliever.***"

And again in the sermon **Is Anything too hard for the Lord 60-0328 E-20** brother Branham said, "***How we ought to think today, that the preaching of the gospel blinds the unbeliever. No wonder they can't see: they're blinded. God says "they have eyes, but can't see, ears but can't hear."*** God, if anything, I want Him to do for me, ***is open my spiritual eyes that I might recognize Him and look around and see Him,*** for He's everywhere. I want to see Him and ***be so acquainted with Him that I'll know Him on the very first sight. I'll recognize that It's God. That's my heart's desire, be as Abraham was.***

In closing now, let me just say, I believe that we should pray for revelation more than anything else. Because **if God does not open our eyes, then we will never see the kingdom of God.** And **if we cannot see the kingdom of God how will we expect to enter into it?** Then if we do not see the Kingdom of God, we are lost in our sins, and are on our road to hell. That's how serious this Gospel should be taken. **The people that say, what matter does it make whether we know it or understand it or not.** The only ones who could say that are those who do not understand it, otherwise they would never make a statement like that. **It does matter what you know and what you do not know.** How can you *worship God in Spirit and Truth* if you have not *His Spirit and His Truth* in you? Then your worship is in vain. Paul said in **1 Corinthians 2** that *“No man can understand the things of God unless the Spirit of God is in Him.”* And He also said of those without the baptism of the Holy Ghost that *“the things of God are just foolishness to them, and it is impossible for them to understand the things of God.”*

Therefore, walk in the light, and you will be filled with His Light. And to walk does not mean to set around, it means to be actively following Him who is the Light.

John 12:35 *Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.*

Can't you see that this applies for today! He is talking about **the Light**, that **Pillar of Fire** is here and **we should walk** as though we truly believe He's here. He said, *The light is only here for another short while so you had better walk with that Light while He is still here to walk with Him.*

And then He said *for he that walketh in darkness does not even know where he is going.*

And how many are walking in darkness today having rejected the Pillar of Fire, and yet they are preaching heaven and believing they are going to heaven, while cursing the very God that is *here to lead us into the millennium.*

He said, *they don't even know where they are going.* Then Jesus says in **36** *While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.*

Now the only way you can **believe IN the Light** is to *believe while you are in it.* **If you walk IN the Light as He is IN the light then your sins are washed clean by the blood of the lamb, and you have fellowship one with another.**

But you've got to be **IN the light** in order to **believe IN the light.** *These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.*

Look, Alpha has become Omega, and in **John 12:37** we read ¶ *But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:* Notice **it was the volume of miracles that ended up blinding the people.** Why is that? Because **it become so common to them.** And that is the same thing that has happened in this hour.

As we read these closing words this evening I want you to see how that *the single Light* that we are to focus upon *is Christ*. He is the Anointed One because He received His Anointing from the Great Anointer Himself, the Father of Glory.

And while you are reading **John 12:38-50** with me, I want you to notice that Jesus Speaks of **this light** and walking in it, and of a duality with the Father. That is **the Light** in which we are to walk, to understand the relationship between the Father and His Son that we also might enter into relationship in a duality with the Father, for *Christ, the Anointing in you is your hope of Glory*. And we Know that *God is the Father of Glory* and He has come to give you *The Spirit* which is *His Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the Knowledge of Himself* according to Paul in **Ephesians 1:17-18**.

Finally we hear Jesus tells us in **John 12: 38** *That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? 39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, 40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. 41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him. 42 ¶ Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: 43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. 44 ¶ Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. 45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. 46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. 49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.*

Let's just bow our hearts in prayer