

Unveiling of God no 158
The Same Pillar of Fire is Revealing

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This afternoon we will pick up where we left off in the study of brother Branham's sermon **The Unveiling of God** and this will be number **158** in our study. The focus I would like for us to think upon is where brother Branham makes the statement "*same Pillar of Fire sent to Moses and to Paul that wrote the Bible, now sent to reveal It.*"

Then brother Branham lets us know that although God uses prophets to reveal His Word, He still Manifest's that Word through the lives of Elect Sons and Daughters.

He states, "*He died to reveal Himself to us. Now, let us die to self to reveal Him to others. Let us die to the traditions and things to reveal Him to others.*"

Therefore to continue this study let's begin reading this afternoon from paragraph **151**.

151 "*Notice, same Pillar of Fire sent to Moses and to Paul that wrote the Bible, now sent to reveal It. The grace of God, the unchanging God fulfilling the promises of **Matthew 28**, "*Lo, I am with you always,*" fulfilling St. **John 14:12**, "*The works that I do, you also,*" fulfilling St. **Luke 17:28-29**, "*In the last days the Son of man will be revealed,*" (See, see?) **Malachi 4**, "*Behold, I send to you Elijah the prophet, that will restore the faith of the people back to the original Word.*" You see? See? How this... See? Oh, my.*"

Now this was a mouthful, what br. Branham just said here. He lists the three times that God comes down to show His presence, and appears in the Pillar of Fire. Three times he chooses a man to be his mouthpiece, the first two to write the Word, and the last to reveal the word.

Now, we know doctrinally that there are three Exoduses that take place in Bible History. And all three have three things in Common.

1. God comes on the scene, and shows himself in a pillar of fire.
2. God has a man on the scene to catch the revelation of God and give it to the people
3. The people of God embrace that anointed Pillar of Fire ministry and thus they receive the revelation of Christ for that season and they enter into the promise for that day.

The first Exodus we saw the Presence of God come on the scene in the form of the Pillar of Fire which came down in a supernatural way, a burning bush. It attracted the attention of one man, **Moses** and gave that one man a Message to deliver to the people. Then God in that Pillar of Fire used that man He had chosen to write down His Words and give it to the people and then He expected the people to Hear, then to Recognize and finally to Act upon the Word that was given them. That means that God expects the people who hear the prophet He sends to live out that Word which is to manifest that Word that is given them. Those who did live that Word entered into the promise for that Age. Those who refused to hear, recognize and act upon that Word perished in the wilderness. That same pattern holds true for all three Exoduses.

Therefore in the second Exodus we saw God once again appear to another man, this time Saul who later would change His name and become the apostle Paul. God used the same the same Pillar of Fire as His Cloak and He would once again choose one man to hear His Message and deliver it to the people. This time it was the Apostle Paul who would write down the Revelation of Jesus Christ for the people to once again live by.

And again in this second Exodus we saw that those who lived that Word expressed a life of power and influence in the Holy Spirit. And once more we would see God manifest His Word and power through this time the early church using in signs and wonders to validate His Presence among them. Those who refused went on into legalism and Nicolaitanism.

Then brother Branham lets us know that this same Pillar of Fire has once again appeared on the scene in this hour and he lets us know that God has chosen one man to reveal His Word which He wrote using Moses and Paul.

Now as brother Branham states it, it is not enough for that Word to be Revealed, but in order to do so, **we must die to self** that the Word which God gave and has come down to reveal, **may be revealed through God's people.**

152 *He died to reveal Himself to us. Now, let us die to self to reveal Him to others. Let us die to the traditions and things to reveal Him to others, die to the denominations to reveal Him to others.*

So we see that we are to be instruments of God, vessels of God to manifest as sons of God, but he says, you can't do it, and never will be able to do it until you die number 1 to yourself, number 2 to your traditions, and number three to any denominational influence. Now, we know this is the age when the Sons of God are to be manifested as sons of God. That is **Romans 8** but you will never understand what it means to be manifested as sons of God until you understand how you are to get there.

Paul speaks to us in **Romans 8:19** *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*

Let me read that from the **NIV** for a little more clarity **19** *For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom of the glory (doxa) of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, (that means we with the baptism of the Holy Spirit) groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to son-ship, (which will be consummated by) the redemption of our bodies.*

Everything in nature points to a time when our son-ship will be crowned, when we receive our glorified bodies. But until then we are in the process of son-ship and are to be manifesting ourselves more and more in our son-ship.

But it all begins by our willingness to die to self. So in order to understand **Romans 8:19** and how we are to manifest as sons before we receive our crowning, we must go back to **Romans 8:1** and read all the way to verse **19** to see this progression of growth into son-ship. Because remember the Greek word for a fully mature son ready for adoption is *teleios*. And yet when we are given birth we are then sons, but just babies in the family of God and must grow up into Him in all things.

Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after self, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life which can only be found in Christ Jesus, hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

In other words, when you are born in the flesh, there are certain laws of nature that control the flesh ie yourself. But when you are born from above, the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus takes over and you are now governed and controlled by God's very own Spirit, part of His Divine presence and nature now rules in your body.

Then Paul shows us how the law could do nothing for us because before we had God's Divine Life, Nature and Spirit in us to control our lives, we only could use intellect and physical discipline to control our selves which is not enough.

3 *For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:*

4 *In order that or for the very purpose that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after self, but after the Spirit. 5 For they that live for self do mind the things of self; but they that live by the Spirit actually mind or focus upon the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; (to be focused on self and the body is death) but to be spiritually minded (or to be focused on the things of The Spirit) is life and peace.*

7 *Because the carnal mind (the self centric mind) is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*

In other words, if your focus is single focused upon self, how can you ever become focused on the things God wants you focused on. The Things of The Spirit. Therefore in that condition you are an enemy to God.

8 *So then they that are into the flesh (in other words they that are focused on self) cannot please God. The way to please God is through humility, and obedience to His Word, and Spirit but how can you ever do that as long as you are absorbed with self. Self centric.*

9 *But ye are not into self, but into the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.*

In other words, you do not live in the flesh, but rather you live in the Spirit, assuming, of course, that the Spirit of God lives inside of you. *Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.* The truth is that anyone who does not have the Spirit of the Anointed Life living within him does not even belong to God.

10 *And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*

If the Anointed One is alive in you, even though your body is as good as dead because of the effects of sin, yet The Spirit is **infusing you with God-Life** now that you are rightly wise with God.

11 *“But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you,”* (lives and is alive inside of you) *“then you can be sure that He who raised up Jesus will cast the same light of life into your mortal bodies through the same life-giving power of His Spirit residing in you,”* working in you both to will and to do.”

12 *Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, nor to self, to live after self. 13 For if ye live for self, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of self in the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 For The Spirit (God’s Own Spirit) *Itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:**

And how does God’s Spirit living itself out in you bear witness with your Spirit? Because the things you do are not of your old self, but you do because it is His nature in you working to will and to do His Good pleasure.

That’s what Paul meant by His Spirit (God’s Spirit) bearing witness **with** your spirit. Its a joint corroboration between His and your spirit. Your life and the attributes of your life (which is your spirit) are in joint corroboration with God’s very own Spirit that is alive in you.

That is what Paul was saying in **Galatians 2:20** **I am** (me -- Paul --my Life) has been *crucified with Christ* (I have died, I have died to self, I Paul have died to Paul) *nevertheless I live*; (Never the less Me – Paul -- I – Paul am alive) *yet not I*, (Yet it is not really me Paul that is living) *but it is Christ that is living in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I am living by the same faith of the Son of God,* (His faith -- His revelation) *who loved me, and gave himself for me*

153 *Notice, the old temple had in it the Shekinah Glory, and the Light of the Shekinah over the Word. **The Word is the Seed**; It brought forth the shewbread to believers only. The blood also was upon the covenant; and the blood is the water, the water that life-ens the grain, the wheat, the seed, which is the Word. Like Jesus said, "As Moses lifted up the brass serpent," and then again He said, "God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son, whosoever believe on Him should not perish..." Moses smote the rock in the wilderness to save a perishing people, to bring water. God smote Jesus, to bring forth the Spirit out of Him for a perishing people. The Blood came from Him, which is **the water of the washing by the Word**, which, **the water brings life to the seed**; and it brought forth the Shekinah Glory, **shined upon the Word**, which brought forth the shewbread. And **the shewbread was just for a chosen people**. That right?*

And this Message is not meant for everyone. Not everyone will understand, because not everyone has the Spirit of God living in them that makes them to understand.

That's **1 Corinthians 2** *No man can understand the things of God except the Spirit of God be in him.*

154 Now, *breaking into the veil, through the veil, into His Presence, where the Word is (not **the creed**), the Word, in there seeing the Shekinah Glory, the Shekinah, the power, the Holy Spirit shining upon the Word, bringing forth the promise, shows you're behind the veil. Amen. I've crossed the riven veils where the Glory never fails, (Umm.) Hallelujah, Hallelujah; I'm living in the Presence of the King. I've crossed the riven veils where the Glory never fails, I'm living in the Presence of the King.*

So what is brother Branham saying here. He is telling us that the evidence that you are living in the presence of The Word, in the presence of the King of Glory, is that His Shekinah Presence will anoint that glory to manifest itself in your life.

Let's read it again...**154** Now, *breaking into the veil, through the veil, into His Presence, where the Word is (not **the creed**), (not just having the doctrine right,), into His Presence, where the Word is, the Word, in there seeing the Shekinah Glory, the Shekinah, the power, the Holy Spirit shining upon the Word, bringing forth the promise, shows you're behind the veil.*

Look, there are too many people who intellectually can tell you, that God has come down in this hour. It does not take a rocket scientist to understand that. And anyone who can read if they have an honest heart can tell you there is one God and He had a Son. But that is as far as the intellect can take you. And that is the doctrine. It is only a tool to help you to manifest as a Son of God, because you see the relationship between Father and son and sons is all the same.

But brother Branham is telling us here that if you have truly broken into the veil, through the veil, into the very Presence of God, Then His Holy Spirit shining upon This Word will bring forth the promise, and that shows you are behind the veil.

That is why the manifestation of the sons of God is so crucial to all creation. Because it shows you have entered into the veil and the manifestation of the revelation is alive and living itself out in you. As Paul said, *"It is Christ that liveth in me"* and that is the evidence that you have entered within the veil.

Its not the creed. It's not the doctrine. It's not the mechanics. It's the dynamics, Christ Himself who makes the doctrine live out in you. It's not the Doctrine intellectually received, it is the Projection of the doctrine Himself, projecting his life through you, and *"The Spirit now bears witness with your spirit that you are a son."* *"Because He lives you live."*

155 *The old badger skin, denominations is tore down. I've broke through that into the Shekinah Glory, and I see the Word. I see the Pillar of Fire moving. I see the Word made manifest. What He said He would do in these last days, I see it growing. I see the children eating that Shekinah Bread coming from the ripening of that Word, which believes It.*

*Amen. What a wonderful hour we're living in. See, the Shekinah was over the Word, and under there was the bread, and there was the blood sprinkled which gives It water. **The Spirit gives Life to the Word.** And the... (How many read, heard the tape on "The Trial?" Yes, many of you have.) You see there, it takes... **That Word must grow.** In order to grow, **it's got to be in the right kind of ground.** See? And **God makes a promise and It hits that heart, it cannot fail.***

Look at all those action words brother Branham is expressing here.

I see the Word

I see the Pillar of Fire moving

I see the Word made manifest.

I see it growing

the ripening of that Word

The Spirit gives Life to the Word

That Word must grow

it's got to be in the right kind of ground

God makes a promise and It hits that heart

Look Jesus himself said, "*the word kills but the Spirit giveth life.*"

It's not about understanding the doctrine intellectually, it's about understanding the doctrine experientially.

From his sermon **Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:120** brother Branham said, "*Look, **Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ in the Bible, makes the Bible a complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing.***

And what is the dictionary definition of revelation? It is "*manifestation of divine truth.*"

That is what revelation is, revelation means "*to disclose by means of unveiling, or **manifestation.***" It has nothing to do with an intellectual knowing but it has all to do with an experiential knowing.

And brother Branham said "***Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing.*** And what is Christ in you? Christ is the anointing. Therefore "*the anointing in you makes you the complete revelation or manifestation of the whole thing*".

"See, what God's trying to do? *What is the new birth then? You say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new birth?" **It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you.***

And remember if revelation is manifestation of Divine Truth, then he's telling us the new birth is **the manifestation of Jesus Christ personally to you.**

There you go, "*and you hath **He quickened and made alive.***" "***If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead be in you it will also quicken your mortal body by His Spirit that liveth in you.***"

It is all about God working in you both to will and to do. Because if God does not do it in you it won't get done in you either.

And the Faith or revelation of the Son of God that Paul lived by is the same as when Jesus said, *“The son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do that doeth the son likewise.”*

And so if the son of God never saw God do, then He would never have done. So the key is not the doing, but the key to the doing is to see God doing.

Hebrews 9:23 *“Unto them that look for him shall He appear the second time...”*

You’ve got to look and live. You look and He lives, then you live.

Brother Branham continues *“Amen. See? **Not you joined a church, you shook a hand; you done something different; you said a creed; you promised to live by a code of rules; but Christ, the Bible... He is the Word that was revealed to you.** And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, **it's Christ.** Pastor, priest, whatever it might be... **It's Christ in you.** That is the revelation that the Church was built upon.*

You see, *not knowledge about Christ*, but *Christ living in You, Christ alive in you, and you alive to Christ*, is what makes Him the center of your life. If you say you are born again by the Spirit of God, then **your life will live out just the same as it did in Jesus.**

If you say that you are born again, then the very life that guided and directed Jesus Christ to the Cross will live in you and guide and direct you to a life of **Crucifixion of self.**

You will say what he said, and do what he did, and your actions will be the same and your speech will be the same because it is the same Life in you that was in Him. Not you putting on or trying to say, or act, or do what he did. NO, if His Spirit is alive and living in you it will be so natural that you won’t even think about the doing, you will just do. You will just speak, you will just act like Him, because it is Him in you doing, and speaking and acting.

And unless the people see that life in you doing what he said, and speaking what he said, and thinking the same thoughts, and doing the same works, you have no right to claim you are born again. Jesus said, *if you don’t believe me **believe the works, for they are they that testify of who I am.***

And in the first Church age the people were called Christians because they were Christ like. *They walked like Christ, they talked like Christ.* They so fulfilled the very nature of Christ, because it was the nature of Christ living in them. Then what right does the church or any individual have today to call themselves Christians if they are not **conformed to the image of the first born son**, Christ Jesus.

Brother Branham said in his sermon, **Blind Bartimaeus 55-0818 P:14** *“Those Pharisees read the same Bible that the apostles read, but they didn't have faith **to put into practice what they read.** Every denomination today reads the same Bible. But what I want to see, somebody's got faith enough, **that'll step out and take the word of it.** Amen. That's what we need, **somebody to practice** what they believe. **Faith without works is dead.** Doesn't do you any good to have faith. You say, **"I believe that's the Bible."** Well, **if it is the Bible, It's got promises.** And if you believe that's true, well, the only thing you have to do is to let your faith loose with it. **Practice what you believe.** Every bit's a seed.*

The problem today is the people have an intellectual faith instead of a Holy Ghost faith that has been made alive in them.

Brother Branham said in **Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:147** *He's not known by how to explain it. God is known by simplicity and of revelation of Jesus Christ in the most illiterate person. See? Not your theology; it's a revelation of Jesus Christ. "Upon this rock, I'll build My Church." No other rock's accepted; no other thing's accepted; no other Roman rock; no other Protestant rock; no other school; no other nothing; but on exactly the revelation of Jesus Christ in a new birth. He's born in there and injects His own Life, and your life is gone, and the Life of Christ is projecting Itself through you with the preeminences to the people that they see the very Life, and works, and signs and wonders that He did is doing the same thing through you. Outside of that, the rest of it's not even called to at all.*

Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:122 *If a man says he's born again and try to place these promises of Christ in this last day to some other age, making Him Christ yesterday, but not today, then that man or that person has been in a delusion by Satan. And if that man says that he believes that, and it doesn't manifest itself through him... Jesus said in **Mark 16**, "These signs shall follow them that believe... into all the world and to every age." Casting out devils, and speaking with tongues, and all of these great manifestations of gifts that would follow, that they shall, not that they maybe, they ought to; they will. And heavens and earth will pass away, but His Word won't.*

Too many Christians are living on somebody else's experience and not their own. They live on the experience of their parents or their pastor or their teacher or their prophet, but you have to have your own experience with the Living God making your life a daily walk in the reality of the Living Word.

Brother Branham said in his sermon, **Why little Bethlehem 63-1214 P:52** *Oh, notice, Israel received a new fresh bread every night, coming down from heaven for their journey. Christ is our Life, Bread of Life, and every day we receive a freshness from Christ, from heaven, the Holy Spirit coming down upon the believer every day, fresh. Yesterday's experience, many of us live on yesterday's experience. We mustn't do that. It's today's experience. That's what's the matter with our denominations; they're living on the experience of John Wesley, upon the experience of Dwight Moody, Finney, Sankey, Knox, Calvin, many of those back there. They're living on that experience. But, remember, the bread that fell, and they tried to keep it over, it got contaminated; maggots got in it, little wiggletails. And that's what's the matter today, contaminated cisterns, living on past bread that's contaminated.*

So what's he saying? He's saying you can't place it all in one man, you've got to have the same experience those men had for yourself. You will never go in the rapture unless you have **the Holy Ghost living its life out in you**.

Too many people think believing this Message is their evidence that they are born again, and too many preachers are teaching that. And so they teach the children they do not need to have their own experience with God, because believing the Message is evidence that they are filled with the Spirit of God. Don't you know that the devil believes and he trembles? That is so far from the truth. When brother Branham and brother Vayle spoke on the evidence of the new birth, and brother Vayle brought up the two experiences brother Branham had, brother Branham said to br. Vayle we do not go by experience we go by the Word of God, and yet he turned right around on tape and when he was asked if it was enough to believe the Message listen to his answer. **Questions and answers COD 64-0830M P:120 354. Do your children have to have an experience to have the Holy Spirit? If they see the end-time Message, do they have the Holy Spirit?**

Now, that is a very good question, and listen to his answer after the Church age book was written. ***“Every one must have an experience. Your children cannot go in on no other way but the same way you do. See? They've got to be born again. There's no grandchildren in the Kingdom of God; they're all children. They must have it, must have an experience with God to go in, just the same as you. Now, I hope I can get this.”***

Now, when brother Vayle and Br. Branham discussed the evidence vs experience, those are two different words and they mean two different things. They were talking about the evidence of being filled with the spirit, and they were not talking about the experience, because every birth has a different experience.

Experience and evidence are two different words and they mean two different things. The word **experience** means an: *Active participation in events or activities, leading to the accumulation of knowledge. An event or a series of events participated in or lived through.* Whereas the word **Evidence** means: *A thing or things helpful in forming a conclusion or judgment: To indicate clearly; exemplify or prove.*

The word **evidence** comes from the root word “**evident**” which means: *Easily seen or understood; obvious.* **Therefore the evidence of receiving the Holy Ghost would have to be something that makes it very obvious that you have it, a proof, ...** and there is no greater proof than *to hear and recognize and act upon* which means you understand the Word for the day in which you live. And I've shown you this afternoon that it does not imply a mental understanding. It implies a knowledge based on experiencing the reality of the living God and what His Word says about Him. As Paul said, *“How can you know the things of God unless the spirit of God is in you.”*

So the **evidence is not the experience**, but it is that which looks back with proof that you have God's Spirit in you because you have His mind in you. But that does not do away with the fact that there is an experience in a new birth and that is exactly what brother Branham said about children raised in the Message. He said they must have that experience just like you did, because God has children, not grandchildren.

Let us pray...