

Unveiling of God no 163

Two Fold Ministry of...

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This afternoon we will focus our thoughts on something brother Branham said concerning “*the Two fold ministry of...*”

I purposely have not said of what since I want to wait until we actually read what he said, and then you will understand perfectly what this “**Two-fold Ministry**” is that he talks about.

I know there will be people who will say, “Twofold ministry?” where does he get that from, there’s a *five fold ministry*, but I never hear of a “**Two-Fold Ministry**”. Well, just because you have never heard of a two fold ministry, doesn’t mean there is not a “twofold ministry.” And don’t get that confused with the Five gifts God has placed in the church.

But to begin this afternoon let’s go to where we left off last Sunday and pick up at **pp 162** of brother Branham’s sermon **The Unveiling of God**. “*Now, to the perfect... After the stalk has been formed, after the tassel's been formed, after the grain has come onto the cob, then it has to come to perfection, back to a regular grain again. And remember, the grain must be germitized. See? If it don't, it won't live. See? None of that was outside of them messages will ever come to Life. It has to be germitized to it. Remember, the same Life that was in the stalk is in the grain. See? It's just maturing itself right back. See? He revealed Hisself what? Son of man, the grain that went into the ground. Get the message? The Greeks said to Him, "We would see Jesus." He said, "Except a grain of corn falls into the ground." See? All right.*

Then he says, **163** *Now, what did He reveal Himself next? In a different form: stalk, and tassel, and so forth, and all the leaves and everything. He revealed Hisself then what? Same Spirit, but in a different form. See? But what's the last of that corn? It comes back to the original grain. Is that right? And His ministry comes from them reformations back to the original Word again.*

The alpha ministry original seed Life that went into the grave back then must return in the Omega to conform to the image of the first. **The Alpha ministry and the Omega ministry must be the same.**

Masterpiece the 64-0705 P:99 *The first Eve that fell, and was used in the second reformation, second coming, as bringing forth a child, now has become true Bride again, the Seed, right back with the original Word again. The Alpha and Omega is the same. He said, "I am Alpha and Omega." He never say anything in between, "I'm Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last." That's it. The first ministry and the last ministry is the same. The first Message and the last Message is the same thing. "I was in Alpha; I'm in Omega." "There'll be a day that won't be called day nor night, but in the evening time it shall be Light." See? Alpha and Omega; it's become the first and the last.*

Identified Christ of all ages 64-0617 P:60 *And just like a pyramid growing up. The Lutheran, first reformation; Wesley; Pentecost; and now being honed right in. For when the Headstone comes back to the pyramid, it'll have to fit like the rest of it. You can't even run a knife blade between it; it's so perfect. And so will the ministry in the last days, will be so close till like your hand being the positive and the shadow of your hand being negative; as they become, after while, they become one. They become so... And that's the way the church becomes, the Bride becomes to Christ; they become One, like any man and wife. See? She's coming right down to the last days, and we're trying to live in a glare of another day? He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, identifies Him perfectly with Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever."*

And we know that we are in the time of the end when the Elect are to be conformed to the image of the first born son which means the life in the seed is to become manifested as he became manifested in the original seed life.

In his sermon **God's Only Provided Place of Worship 65-1128M 40 020** just a few weeks before he went off the scene, brother Branham told us how we must get to the place where the life is restored back to the original life that was planted in the Alpha. He says, "*I believe the church is begin to hear the message, and beginning to understand.*"

Ok, so we see the Pillar of Fire ministry began in 1933, when the Pillar of fire appeared over the Ohio River while brother Branham was baptizing the 17th person. And he tells us in 1965 a month before he left the scene, the people were only just beginning to hear and recognize and understand the Message by the scriptures. But then he says, it was not over yet, because the people needed to mature in the Message, mature in the Word,

Listen to his words as he continues on... "*But, friends, listen, we've got to lay in the Presence of the Son; we've got to be ripened. Our faith isn't ripe.*"

And what is Faith? He told us just a couple days before this and then a week later he clinches the nail on what Faith is, so let me read a few quotes, and in fact the only five quotes where brother Branham nails down what faith is.

Now, he preached **God's only provided** place of worship where he told us *we must lay in the presence of the sun to ripen our faith.*

And just two days before that he told us what Faith is. Notice the date of his sermon ...

Works is faith expressed 65-1126 P:46 *Now, "faith" is a "revelation from God." Now, "faith" is a "revelation." There's where I want to stay there just a moment. It's a revelation. He has revealed it to you by His grace. It's nothing you did. You didn't work yourself up into faith. You never had faith; it's give to you by the grace of God. And God reveals it to you; therefore, faith is a revelation. And the whole Church of God is built upon the revelation. And just one day earlier he said in his sermon **Invisible union of the bride 65-1125 P:68** *What is a revelation? Jesus said, "Upon this Rock I'll build My church, and the gates of hell can't prevail against it." Faith is a revelation, because faith has been revealed to you. Abel, by faith offered by revelation (faith) offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than that of Cain. Cain thought they eat apples. They still got that idea, but it wasn't. It was adultery: serpent's seed.**

So we see here in late November brother Branham was honing, honing, honing into what Faith really is. That it is a revelation from God. And then the very next week, and the last time he speaks on Faith being a Revelation, in his sermon called **the Rapture** which he preached just a week later he says, ...

Rapture the 65-1204 P:40 *But to the church, the Bride, the rapture is a revelation to her. It's revealed to her, that the revelation, the true Bride of Christ will be waiting for that revelation of the rapture. Now, it is a revelation, for the revelation is faith. You cannot have a revelation without it being faith. Faith is a revelation, because it's something that's revealed to you. Faith is a revelation. Faith is something that has been revealed to you like it was to Abraham, that could call anything contrary to what had been revealed to him as though it wasn't so. Now, faith... That's what faith is, is the revelation of God. The church is built upon a revelation, the whole entire body.*

So just before he teaches us that the Rapture will be a revelation, and remember revelation has nothing to do with intellectual understanding, but the word revelation means **“manifestation of Divine Truth.** “ So Revelation has to do with something that is manifested. **A Divine truth manifested,** and he says the Rapture will be a revelation or a manifestation of a Divine truth.

But if you go back to just a few months before he really got into just what Faith is, he first spoke of it being a revelation when he was teaching us the only thing that will keep the bride from falling for the falsely anointed teachers is revelation.

And therefore in his sermon **Anointed ones at end time 65-0725M P:38** he said, **“What is faith? Faith is something that's revealed to you, that is not yet, but you believe it will be. Faith is a revelation of the will of God. So by revelation...And the churches today don't even believe in spiritual revelation. They believe in a dogmatic teaching of some system. "By revelation Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than that of Cain, which God testified he was righteous." Amen. I hope you see that. See where we're living, see the hour?**

So we go back to **God's Only Provided Place of Worship** where brother Branham told us ***we must lay in the presence of the Son to ripen.*** That means we must lay in His Personal Presence, the same Spirit that was in His son which is now in our midst, and in that Presence or Revelation (manifestation of Divine Truth) of what it means to be a son, our son-ship will ripen and become mature like his son-ship was mature. He says, **“Intellectually we're hearing the message that God has give us, and seeing the signs that He showed us, and proving it by the Bible as that; but, oh, how the church needs to lay in His Presence till it tenders up, you know, and gets sweet in the Spirit so that it can bathe down. Sometimes in speaking the message, you get harsh, have to break it in like that, because you've got to clinch a nail to make it hold. But when the church once gets it, the Elected is called out and separated then in the Presence of God, I know it'll be something like the people was there when it takes its rapture.**

And he is talking about those people he met when he was caught up to the other side beyond the curtain of time. He had been talking about them just before he made this statement.

Therefore, **there is a process that we must go** through in order for us to be ready for the rapture. Because he tells us here that we will be in a certain condition when we take our rapture, or our flight out of here. Now, the question is this. What condition is he talking about. This is the key. And how do we get there?

Therefore, this afternoon I would like to examine this **ripening process that we must go through**. But I also want to show you how this ripening process is one of the twofold ministry of the Son of God Spirit that we are to lay in the presence of.

At this point I would like to turn our attention, not so much on the process itself, but on this SON which we must lay in, in order to bring on this ripening process. Because after all, unless we lay in the presence of this SON, we will not receive this ripening process and therefore will not become ripe, or mature, or made ready. We will not tender up, nor will we become sweet in our spirit. Therefore, it is necessary that we lay in the Presence of the correct source of Light. And this Light that we are told to lay in is the Presence of THE SON. We are promised in **Malachi 4** that God will send forth His SON in the form of “***the SUN of Righteousness with healing in his wings.***” Which actually its identifiable characteristics is that of a healing campaign. And **this SUN will have a two-fold ministry. This same SUN will harden some while it will warm and soften and bring to LIFE others**. He tells us in the book of **Malachi** that this SUN will bring forth a light that will heal, yet will also burn up others.

And remember he said, “***But when the church once gets it,***” So what is there about this thought here. “***When the church once they get it***”, **what will begin to happen?** He tells us it is at that time that the Elected is to be called out and separated. Not just called out, but a separation must take place along with that calling out.

So we see that this separation we have seen over the past few years is a very instrumental, a very vital part of this rapture process that is to be going on. A part of the revelation of the rapture. ***When the Elected is called out and separated, then and only then*** we are freed up to lay in the presence to ripen, to become ready, ... ***then in the Presence of God, I know it'll be something like the people was there when it takes its rapture.***

Now, as John said, if they are of God then they will recognize those who God sends. Even Jesus said in **John 13:20** ' ***he that receiveth whomsoever I send, receiveth me.***" So to not recognize the ones God sends shows that they are not of God. And therefore they cannot be recipients of the Life that God has laid up in His Seed for us, His Word. Now, this is important to understand because the **two-fold ministry** is a bringing to life of the one, while an alienation from that life to all others.

Ephesians 4:7 a measure of Grace is given unto everyone us according to the Gift of Christ.

So then we should ask, what Gift? Why do we need a measure of Grace to receive a Gift from God? Because the Gifts God sends to us are not always what we think that we want or even need. In this case the gift He is speaking of is in verse **11**. And he is telling you that you must first have grace to receive this gift.

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave... Notice that He said, ***and He (God) gave.***

He is not talking about a people voting in a man. That has nothing to do with the plan of God and the gift God sends to His church. But rather he says, **And He** God *gave*. And if God gave it, then it is a gift from God. **It is His Gift to His church.**

From his sermon **A Greater Than Solomon is Here** brother Branham said, *There's five ordained gifts in the church: Apostles, prophets, teachers, Pastors and Evangelists. Now, that is the five gifts that God has ordained in the church by His foreknowledge."*

And God has a very defined purpose in sending these five gifts to His church.

Ephesians 4:11-16 *11 And he (God) gave some to be, apostles; and some to be, prophets; and some to be, evangelists; and some to be, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

For how long? Until.... That is what Jesus told the saints, ***"to wait and tarry until...The Holy Ghost comes upon you.*** And brother Branham told us the key word in that promise is the word ***"Until."*** And they actually waited until 50 days after he rose from the dead to receive that promise.

And Paul tells us the promised Gift to the church is ***13 Until we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man,*** (a teleios man, one that is fully equipped and fully mature and ready for adoption. Which is) ***unto the measure of the stature*** (or character) ***of the fulness of Christ:*** (Christ's full character).

Then he tells us the reason why we are to receive these five gifts. ***14 That we henceforth be no more children,*** (you see, they are to help you grow up where as children are) ***tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But*** (these five gifts will be) ***speaking the truth in love, that you may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.***

So our laying in the revelation of Jesus Christ which is given to us through the working of the operation of God in these five gifts will bring the bride to full maturity and It is to help us to grow up. Therefore our growing is a process that shows Life abounding and manifesting. And Growth is be prevalent where Life is.

But notice the effects of this **five-fold Gift** to the church. And the effects we will see as we read on are expressed in the two-fold ministry William Branham spoke of.

Therefore let me make this very clear. The True five-fold ministry will bring forth a two-fold affect upon the people. This two-fold effect is a two-fold ministry of the five fold gifts God has placed in the church.

And we already read where Paul shows u how it is to effect the Elect Bride. But if you will read further it will show the effect it has on those that are not the elect of God.

Now notice as we read verses **17-24.** ***This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is***

in them, because of the blindness of their heart: 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But ye have not so learned Christ; 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Now, you would expect the same Word given to the one group would have the same affect on everyone, but it does not. The same sun that melts the wax, is the same sun that hardens the clay. The same Light on the word which brings the elect of God to perfection and maturity, is the same Light on the Word that brings causes men to become blinded. And the only difference between what happens to one verses the other is not the light. It is the same light upon the Word but depending on the makeup of the vessel receiving it, it will harden one while melting the heart and conforming it to the image of the first born son in the other.

And Paul tells us in these verse that *when they do not understand, it brings on darkness* upon what understanding they did have.

Then what happens? *It shuts off the Life of God to them.* That is why Sunday and Wednesdays are so important to us. *We must lay in the Presence of the Son to ripen. It takes laying in the Vindicated Truth to become anointed in every fiber of your body.*

Therefore we see a certain Life Cycle in the Elect of God, in contradistinction to those who are elect to condemnation. And it has to do with a process of becoming into the image of the Son according to **Romans 8, John 1:12, Romans 12, I Corinthians 1:4-10 and 1 Peter 1:13.**

This has to deal with the change of the inner man that the outer man might receive its adoption which is the redemption of our body.

Therefore this afternoon I want to show you what happens to **the other Elect, those who are elect to condemnation**, and show the life cycle of them, and how it is that they become hardened in their hearts.

Jude 1:3 ¶ *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares,* (crept into where? Into the Message of the hour) *who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.*

They deny what? *denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.* So they deny the Relationship between God and his first born son. Which means that they are either Jesus only-Oneness, or else they are Trinitarian in their understanding. But the key here is that they are *denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.* So they deny this relationship, this revelation.

Jude 1:5 *I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. 8 Likewise also these **filthy dreamers** defile the flesh, **despise** (have no use for and so they set aside) **dominion**, (supremacy, the one who is vindicated) **and speak evil of doxa.** (and we know what **doxa** is, it is God's opinions, Gods values and God's judgments, and these speak evil of it.)*

9 *Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. 10 But **these speak evil of those things which they know not:** but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. 11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain,*

So they speak evil of things they know not, which is the doxa of God and the ones who share that **doxa**.

And he says *for they have gone in the way of Cain, ...*

So what is the way of Cain? It is to hold to a word that is out of season. Your sacrifice, which is what has been revealed to you, and that which you give back to God, is out of season) *and then they ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward.*

Now, notice the error of Balaam was for reward, and there are three things that will destroy a man, "**money, Popularity and women**", and Balaam wanted to be popular, and he did what he did for money, for a meal ticket, "*and perished in the gainsaying of Core*"

And what was the gainsaying of Core? He did not believe nor did he understand vindication, **that God uses just one man**, and that God was present to vindicate that the man had a message from Himself.

12 *These are spots (blemishes, stains) in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear:* See, they come in and set among you as you are feeding on the vindicated word but they have their own thoughts and so they want to fuss with you, yet they want to come and eat with you what you are eating. Peter tells us they come in and bring in alongside of true doctrine destructive heresies even denying the One who bought them with his own blood.

And then Jude calls them "*clouds they are without water*"

Now, in **Deuteronomy 32:1** we are told the water from the cloud is God's doctrine. **The rain of God is His Doctrine**, but Jude tells us these are **clouds without water**, which is **clouds without rain** and therefore without water, or doctrine. And he says these clouds are "*carried about of winds*" because they have no strong doctrine that they hold to, therefore they are driven like the wind, and the winds of doctrine take them all over the place, and because the Word has not been revealed to them, they try to use simple mental prowess to figure out the Scriptures and quotes and they do it to their own destruction.

So what or who are these *clouds*? Because it is very apparent he is not speaking of a what when he speaks of these clouds, but rather a “who”. So who are these clouds.

Well, the apostle Paul gives us our clue in **Hebrews 12:1** *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great **a cloud of witnesses**, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,*

So we see that clouds represent witnesses. And so these are witnesses to the Message without water, without the Holy Ghost and without rain, or without the doctrine that God came down to declare. Witnesses which have no clue to what they witnessed.

And Jude further calls them *“trees whose fruit withereth”* (and what is the fruit that is withered? It is what they teach for the doctrine of the season.

Brother Branham said in the Anointed Ones at the End time sermon **Anointed ones at end time 65-0725M P:42** *Notice. But it's what they produce that tells you the difference. "By their fruit," Jesus said, "you shall know them." Man does not gather grapes off of a thistle even though the thistle be right in the grapevine. That could be possible, but the fruit will tell it. **What is the fruit? The Word for the, fruit for the season; that's what it is, their teaching. The teaching of what? The teaching of the season,** what time it is, man's doctrine, denominational doctrine, or God's Word for the season.*

So you see if their doctrine if's withered it is old, and out of season. It has died out, dried up and with it they perish. In fact he adds *“without fruit”* (In fact he says, they no longer are capable of holding onto any doctrine and are left without any doctrine, **without fruit** which is they have no teaching of the season) *“twice dead, plucked up by the roots; 13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars”*

Now, Brother Branham said, *“they wander because they wonder,”* therefore they are not only *“wandering stars,”* but they are *“wondering stars,”* because they are always **wondering about this and wondering about that**) *“to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.”*

And that means that they are shut off from the light forever, and are completely without a clue. And we saw Paul mention this same thing in **Ephesians 4** when he speaks of them that turn down the five-fold gift that God sends to the church to perfect it or help it to mature.

Now, this is an awful condition to be in, and therefore this afternoon I want to show you how they arrive at this condition. **This hardening of the heart** does not come on suddenly, you've actually got to work your way to hell as brother Branham said. He said *“It is like going through a red light. The first time you do it, something inside of you tells you that you had better not do it. But once you have done it, then the next time it is a little easier and then the next time even more easier and on and on until you come to the place that it becomes second nature to you.”* And that is the way the hardening process takes place.

Hebrews 3:13 *But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.* Exhort one another daily, warn one another, be talking this Word, keeping it fresh in your minds lest you become hardened through the deceitful of unbelief.

Proverbs 21:29 ¶ *A wicked man **hardeneth** his face: but as for the upright, He (God) directeth his way.* If it wasn't for God's choosing, there would go we. **It is God that hardeneth, and God that shows mercy.**

Romans 9:17 *For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." 18 Therefore **God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.** 19 One of you will say to me: "Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?" 20 But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'" 21 Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use? 22 What if God, choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath, those prepared for destruction? 23 **What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for His glory.** 24 even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles? 25 As he says in Hosea: "I will call them 'my people' who are not my people; and I will call her 'my loved one' who is not my loved one," 26 and, "It will happen that in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'sons of the living God.'"*

I used to wonder why a man could set in this Message for so many years and then one day they just up and leave. And many of you may have had wondered about that as well. Well, in this next quote brother Branham gives us the answer to that question.

From his sermon **Five Junctions of Time 56-0122 E-36** he says, "Paul was on his road down to Damascus to arrest the people that were having a revival down there. And the Angel of Christ came down in a bright Light. **It even put Paul's eyes out**, it was so bright. And there was none of the rest of men with him saw it. Nobody saw it. **It was so personal to Paul that his eyes went out**, and he had to be led by his hands. Is that right? And the men with him, they didn't see no light. They didn't see nothing about it. **But that's how it can be so real to some people, and some people know nothing about it. See? God reveals Himself the way He wants to, to the people He wants to.** It's His sovereign will. **He hardens who He hardens and justifies who He justifies.** It lays in God's hands, not in my hand or your hand. It lays in God's hands to what He will do. The Bible said so, do you realize that?"

And again in his sermon **Serpent's Seed 58-0928E 13-2** he said, "No wonder Paul said in **Romans 8**, "Foolish man, who can tell the Potter what to do about it?" When the clay raises up and say, "Why make me thus?" Did not He raise Pharaoh up for the same purpose, that He might show His glory down in Egypt? **He hardens who He will and justify who He will. It's not him that willeth, or him that runneth, but God that showeth mercy. So you have nothing to do with it. You haven't one thing to do.** If it's grace, if it's a free gift, there's not a thing you can do about it. God has give it to you, and that's the will of God. That's the thing that God has predestinated to you.

And he also said in his sermon **Divine Healing 54-1219M 133** "Listen. **It's not him that wants to get saved, that's saved. It's him that's saved by God's choice.** Esau wanted to get saved too. **He wept bitterly, and couldn't find no place to repent.** He wanted to get saved. It

ain't 'cause you want to get saved. God said, **"I've hardened who I will harden. I have mercy on whom I want to have mercy."** That's right. He said, **"Before Esau or Jacob, either was born, not knowing right and wrong,"** God said, **"I love Jacob and hate Esau."** And Esau tried to get right with God and couldn't. Pharaoh tried to get right with God and couldn't do it. **So it's not you, not what you want. It's what God has ordained for you to do.** That's right. Paul said in the 9th chapter of **Romans** there, **"Hasn't the potter got power over the clay to make an honored vessel or a dishonored vessel, to show His glory to those who He has honored?"** You didn't know that, did you? That's what the Scripture says. **Pharaoh tried his best to repent.** He was kindhearted. He said, **"Sure, I'll let you go. Go on."** God said, **"No, you ain't. I'm going to harden his heart so you can't do it."** 'Cause God's Word has to be fulfilled. And if we're living in this day when formalities and things has broken the church down, broke away; why, it's God's Word being fulfilled. As sure as God said, **"These signs would follow them that believe,"** as sure as God said these churches would be like they are now, **God also said this opposition would meet it. So the same God that ordained signs and wonders, ordained that these should be persecuting against It. So there you are.** If you're on the other side, I feel sorry. And I want you not to be that way, but maybe you can't help it. See? God might've fixed it that way.

Divine Healing 54-1219M 148 "We've seen people shout and live all kinds of life. We've seen people speak in tongues and do the same. **We've seen people go out and pray for the sick to be healed, and do, live any kind of a life.** Jesus said, **"Many will come to Me and say, 'Lord, have not I prophesied in Your Name, preached? Have not I cast out devils in Your Name?'"** **"Yes."** "Have not I done these mighty works?" **"Yes."** He'd say, **"Well, then, depart from Me, you workers of iniquity. I didn't even know you."** **"It ain't him that willeth or him that runneth; it's the God that haveth mercy,"** the Bible said. He said, **"Didn't I say to Moses, 'I'll have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I'll harden who I will harden?'"** Paul said, **"No man..."** Well, you say then, **"How can He find fault? If He predestinated you to eternal destruction, how can He find fault?"** Said, **"Oh man, can the thing that's made say to Him that maketh him thus? Can't do it."** **150** So you see people that you can't talk to, and just won't listen, and won't listen to the Scriptures, and believing half of It's right and half of It's wrong, and yet they do this. You say, **"Could that be ministers?"** **The Bible said so.** Said, **"Men of old was foreordained to this condemnation to take the grace of God and turn it to lasciviousness"** What is **"lasciviousness?"** **Knowing truth and won't walk in it.** It said, **"When the Truth has been presented to somebody, he willfully turns away from It, he ignores It, there's no more sacrifice for sin left for that person."** Why? **There's nothing in him to believe.** Do you get what I mean? **153** Looky here. How could you feed a lamb, slop? He wouldn't eat it. That's right. He wouldn't eat it because he's a lamb. But a pig will eat it (See what I mean?) because he's a pig by nature. And **all that's ordained to Everlasting Life will hear the Truth, and believe the Truth, and come to the Truth.** But those who'll go to church and be just as pious as the rest of them, yet won't receive the Truth, because there's nothing in them to blend with It. **They can't believe the supernatural, for there's no supernatural in here to blend with the supernatural.** There you are. See what I mean?

Acts of the Holy Spirit 54-1219E 35 *"I've wondered through the years, when I'd see that and read it. I thought, "Lord, here comes men and women." I've seen them come to the altar, kneel down and cry, and pray go and be baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and in a week later, be out with the world again." I thought, "O God, surely Your Word's not wrong. I just can't understand it. But You, Lord, if I'll continue with You, You said **Your Word would abide in me.**" So I continued with Him, until now I see what it is. He's made it known. See? And I never knew it until the Lord just opened it up one day, and there it was laying right before me. Then I seen them people wasn't what they was at the beginning (See?), that, "**No man can come to Me, except My Father draws him.**" **It's not he that wants to be; it's God that elects it to be.** It isn't whether you want It or not; **you have nothing to do with it. It's God.** He, "**He hardens whom He will harden. He has mercy on whom He will have mercy.**" That's right. And no matter who you are, what position you have, whether you're the president or whether you're a bum on the street, doesn't make a bit of difference. "**God has mercy on whom He will have mercy.**" And before the world began, He ordained that so many people, down through the ages, who they was, would be saved. And every one that He ordained will come to Him. That's right. **Every one will come, and none of them will be lost.** He's ordained, said **there'd be a Church there; It would be without blemish; It would be without wrinkle.***

Then how does this hardening take place? As I mentioned about **the red light**. It is a repeating of the offenses against God that causes a hardening to take place. It is a habitually doing what you know to be wrong. "**He that is born of God does not habitually sin, for God's seed remaineth in him.**"

If you will notice how God hardened the heart of Pharaoh and the Egyptians, it was by bringing on a hardship, and then they would cry out for deliverance and when they were delivered, when God would lift that judgment, they very quickly forgot and then they got a little bit harder. **Then God would repeat the process over again**, and they would get soft, and then when the heat was taken off they would cool back down and become even a little more hard. And God just repeats this process over and over again, until the people were tempered just the way they were ordained to be, and then the final judgment would take place.

Just like the refiner's fire. He forges the molten metal in the fire, to soften it until it become malleable and moldable, then he beats it into the shape he ordains and then cools it, then He heats it up again and cools it and heats it and cools it until it becomes very strong and hardened. Let's see if the scripture supports our claim.

Psalms 95:7 ¶ *For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, **8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: 9** When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. **10** Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a **people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: 11** Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.*

Hebrews 3:7 ¶ *Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, **8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: 9***

*When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. 10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway **err in their heart**; and they have not known my ways. 11 So I sware in my wrath, **They shall not enter into my rest.**)*

Hebrews 4:7 *Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, **harden not your hearts.***

Mark 6:52 *For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: **for their heart was hardened.***

Mark 8:15 *And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod. 16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have no bread. 17 And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? **perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?** 18 Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember? 19 When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve. 20 And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven. 21 And he said unto them, **How is it that ye do not understand?***

Look, a hardened heart is one a hardened understanding, and you have no room to allow new light into your understanding. That is exactly what Jesus says in **John 12**.

John 12:37 ¶ *But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: 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.*

Jesus used a **Greek** word here for harden that is **poros** (which is a kind of stone); but it means to harden and blind, **to harden by covering with a callus**; metaphorically it means to **make the heart dull; to grow hard, callous, become dull, lose the power of understanding**

We see this usage in several other Scriptures such as **Romans 11:7** *What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were **blinded (hardened)***

II Corinthians 3:14 *But their minds were **blinded (hardened)**: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which [vail] is done away in Christ. 15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, **the vail** (callus) is upon **their heart**. 16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.*

Exodus 8:15 *But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said. See how it worked, the respite brought forth the hardening. Softened by the judgment, then hardened during a time of no judgment.*

Exodus 8:31 *And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one. 32 And Pharaoh hardened his heart at **this time** also, neither would he let the people*

go. Notice, when was pharaoh's heart hardened? During the trials and judgments? No when the trials and judgments were lifted off.

Exodus 9:6 *And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and **all the cattle of Egypt died**: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one. 7 And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And **the heart of Pharaoh was hardened**, and he did not let the people go.*

Notice here it was jealousy that hardened his heart further.

Exodus 9:11 *And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians. 12 And **the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh**, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.*

Exodus 9:34 *And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and **hardened his heart**, he and his servants. 35 And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken by Moses. 10:1 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him:* Notice again the rain, hail and thunders ceased, then his heart was hardened again.

Exodus 10:19 *And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt. 20 But **the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart**, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.*

Exodus 11:9 *And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt. 10 And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and **the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart**, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.*

God will harden the heart of those not ordained to be conformed to His image and this hardening always results in them taking actions against the Lord and His Word.

John 12:40 *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.*

In closing, let me ask you this question. What is the main difference between those that become hardened, and those who never become hardened?

Proverbs 28:14 ¶ *Happy is the man that feareth alway: but **he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief**.*

Proverbs 29:1 ¶ ***He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.***

You must learn to take correction and understand God corrects you because he loves you.

2 Timothy 3:16 *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: and he tells us that is for a reason...17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.*

Hebrews 12:6 *For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.*

Romans 8:28 *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 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. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

Let us pray...