Unveiling of God no 195

A Supernatural God and a natural People
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This morning we will take our thoughts from brother Branham's sermon The Unveiling of God, paragraphs number 178 and 179 where we left off and this will be no. 195 in our series. The topic as we see is how that Catholicism and Communism have a certain tie in for the churches to come together before the end comes.

Now, last week we read from paragraph 178 where brother Branham said, "But remember there's something in the old Book that promised that there'd be a predestinated, ordained hand come one day, that would pick It up and make the Word of this Book, to a predestinated heart, to the task that It's made for, reveal the promises that's in It. It might look old, like an old bunch of holy-rollers, or something other; but it just takes the Master's hand, the Word on It, to reveal that Word; and it becomes more than a holy-roller. It's become that to every one of us, hasn't it, friends? It's not a bunch of fanaticism. It depends on whose hand the bow's in. Let us pray."

But we did not read from paragraph 179 which was his closing prayer, so we will pick up at this paragraph this morning as we continue in our study.

179 "Our heavenly Father, by faith today I see the Master of the old Book, that they have swapped for traditions, they swapped It for denominations, they tried to trade It off. Now, they're trading It for a World Council of men, of churches, communistic, atheistic. The auction's on, Lord. God, step forth. Surely, You will. Send us that prophet, Lord, that picks up that bow, that picks up this Word and proves that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Many, Lord, will sell their lives; they'll throw away the old traditions; they'll break the veils. They want It, Lord. They'll give anything, anything, just give them Jesus. Lord, I think You've proved It to them now. They come from everywhere. They spend their livings; they do everything to try to get to the meetings to do all they can, because they've found that Pearl of great price. Other things are very little. But bless them, Father.

Now it is very apparent that he is tying together **churches** with **communis**m and **atheism** here.

I read a research paper by a group at Tufts University who did a study of ministers representing Southern Baptist, United Church of Christ, Presbyterian, Methodist and Church of Christ, and many more.

I have also read a survey conducted by the Free University of Amsterdam in 2006 where it found that (17%) of the Protestant priests in Holland were either atheist or agnostic. Another survey found that as many as 16% of the Church of England's licensed ministers have doubts about God.

Just look at this message, and I am sure you could find quite a few pastors who left the Message over the past several years. Why? Because they never were a genuine Holy Ghost filled believer to begin with. Some of them, had a dad who was a minister so they also became a minister, and eventually their secret unbelief became known and they were forced to make a decision, and do they did.

So what brother Branham is saying here in this paragraph was even evident back in his day, because human nature does not change. Many men enter the ministry for wrong reasons, not because God called them but rather for a meal ticket, a job, and others for a multitude of other reasons.

And I think it is interesting that many interviewed who are atheists and yet still pastor a church, do so because they like the activities in the church, and feel comfortable doing the pastoral duties.

But atheism is defined is a doctrine, for it is the doctrine or belief that there is no God. And it is also the disbelief in the existence of a supreme being or beings.

And agnosticism is defined as an intellectual doctrine or attitude affirming the uncertainty of all claims to ultimate knowledge.

I think that is so ironic, because Webster's Dictionary actually defines both atheism and agnosticism as a doctrine. So they have their doctrine but refute the true doctrines of the Word of God.

Brother Branham said in his sermon Hear ye Him 62-0711 P:36 And they've got intellectual giants in the world today that can almost explain away everything that God said to be true. They can take it from a theological standpoint, intellectual. And if you just take your own mind of thinking, reasoning like Eve did at the beginning, they can explain everything of the Bible away from you. But if a man, or a woman has ever been on the backside of the desert in those sacred sands where no intellectual can stand, and there come in contact with the living God, no devil, or scientist, or anything else can ever explain that away. You were there. It happened. You know it's the truth. There's no one can take it away from you. You met God. And I believe that God, in every age sending forth a messenger, always first, meets that person on a sacred ground, because it's got to be so. There's too much of evil to try to explain all the supernatural away. And where there's a supernatural God, there's going to be supernatural things happening, because He is supernatural.

I know this is exactly the truth because as a young boy I met God, and I prayed and to him when my little sister Molly died that morning, when I woke up and she was gone, and I was told she had died, so I went outside to be alone, and I wept and I asked God to let me know what happened to her, and where was she now, and as I prayed, I felt led to turn around and look up and coming from over her bedroom I saw a silver stream like a silver light going up through the clouds, as there was a hole in the clouds, and that silver beam of light was going up and beyond the clouds, as though it was piercing right through them, and I knew then that God had taken her to be with

him. I understood it because as a Catholic boy I heard how God sent down a ladder for Jacob to climb up.

Genesis 28:10 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. 11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. 12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. 13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; 14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. 16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.

So Jacob became aware of God's Supernatural Presence from that very day. Now, that was read to me as a very young child but as David said, "I hid the Word of God in my heart." And I've believed it as long as I have memory.

In fact one of my first memories was as a 3 year old toddler, I went out the back door of our house that sat on Girard street in Bloomington Minnesota. They had been doing excavation of highway 35W so dad had to fence in the back yard as there was a steep hill running down from our back yard right down to the new highway below. It was not finished at that time and was very steep and very long drop down to the excavation site. The hill behind the house was at least 60 to 80 feet down at close to 60 degree slope.

So as I had gone out all by myself in the back yard to play, I had gotten on a glider that was on the swing set. It had two bench seats, one on each side, and a common floor board in the middle for us to place out feet on. As I was swinging back and forth by myself, I saw three snakes come out of one whole in the ground and they were headed right my way. I remember to this day that I had thought it was the devil coming to get me, and I was so scared I began to cry, "daddy, daddy, the devil, the devil". And my daddy heard my cry for help, and he came out the back door, and ran over and grabbed a garden hoe and quickly chopped off the heads of all three snakes.

Now, how did I associate three snakes with the devil? Well, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing the Word of God." I had heard in church the priest reading from the Bible about the serpent in the garden of Eden, and how "he deceived Eve". And as a three year old boy I associated those snakes that I saw with the devil.

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Now, I hope this will help you as parents to realize how influential your words are to your children. The Bible says, "*Train them up in the ways of the Lord and when they get old they will not depart.*"

John Wesley's mother believed that you mold your children by three years old, after that you have to break them. And the Russian scientists proved that by three years of age the children's minds will be formed in the direction they will go. So those first three years are so very important and you should be reading the stories God has written down for us in the Bible, and they will hold them in their minds their entire life.

But how did I associate those three snakes as being the devil? I believe that was the God gene part. That was my first "*revelation*" from God. And it came because I had heard the word of God by a priest in Church.

And that incident in my life stayed with me all my life and 18 years later in 1974 when I got baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, after hearing it taught from the Bible for the very first time, I remember saying to the preacher, "if that is what the Bible says, then that is what I want" and so I asked if there was a lake nearby and was told by the owner of the house, Yes, there is a lake right behind our house. I had not seen it when I went to that prayer meeting because I arrived after dark. But then immediately after the service I asked to be baptized in the name of the lord Jesus Christ, and as I came up out of the water, after my baptism, I saw three stars fall one after another.

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A year earlier in 1973 I had given my life to the Lord at a Billy Graham crusade and began reading my Bible every day. Not just reading it but studying it. And so a year later when I was baptized and I saw those stars falling, I remembered in **Isaiah 14:12** where God spoke of Lucifer *falling from heaven*, and he called him *the morning star*. So the morning star falling.

Isaiah 14:12 "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the ground, You who have weakened the nations.

I also recalled Jesus saying when the 70 disciples returned after having gone out, Jesus said, "I saw satan falling from heaven like a flash of lightning." And that is exactly the way I saw those falling stars, they had a very long tail behind them like a lightning bolt would look.

And therefore I associated those three falling stars as Satan falling that night I got baptized. Then right after I was baptized I walked up to the house where the man of God had preached on Baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and had showed it from the Bible. And so when I returned to the house a brother gave me the Seven

Seals book and Seven Church ages book, and in those books I saw where the trinity is actually identified with satanic religions, paganism.

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In fact if you've ever read Hyslop's Two Babylons, you will find that the first Trinity was in Babylonia known as Anu who was the father of the god, and Ea was the son of the father of the gods, and Enlil was the wind god. Then that trinity was adopted in Egypt, and then Greece, and then Rome and throughout many other cultures and religions finally gaining word wide acceptance under Catholicism.

Now, remember, brother Branham said in his sermon Hear ye Him 62-0711 P:36 "But if a man, or a woman has ever been on the backside of the desert in those sacred sands where no intellectual can stand, and there come in contact with the living God, no devil, or scientist, or anything else can ever explain that away. You were there. It happened. You know it's the truth. There's no one can take it away from you. You met God. And I believe that God, in every age sending forth a messenger, always first, meets that person on a sacred ground, because it's got to be so. There's too much of evil to try to explain all the supernatural away. And where there's a supernatural God, there's going to be supernatural things happening, because He is supernatural.

And then in his sermon Who Is This Melchisedec 65-0221E 179 Brother Branham says, "Now, Father God, this is totally out of the hands of any man; it'd have to be supernatural phenomena. So I pray that You'll help me now, Lord; I'm in Your hands. Do with me as You see fit. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

And we notice how brother Branham says, "this is totally out of the hands of any man.

In other words br. Branham is acknowledging in his prayer that man just can't do what he is about to request for God to do. Then he says, "it would have to be supernatural".

Now, what does the word "super"-"natural" tell you? Think about that just a moment. Because the **Websters** dictionary tells us that this word supernatural means: being above or <u>beyond what is natural</u>; <u>unexplainable by natural law</u> or phenomena; abnormal. Of or pertaining to, or <u>characteristic of</u>, or <u>attributed to God</u> or a deity.

Therefore for something to be super means it is above and natural speaks of nature. So **Super natural** speaks of being above what would be natural.

And that what William Branham is speaking of here when he says, "wherever God is there is supernatural taking place, because God is a supernatural God."

And unless you have witnessed for yourself the Supernatural Presence of God, you are just believing unto. And if you are not careful your belief could very well be just an intellectual belief, and that is as far as you have come.

In his sermon Be not afraid it is I 60-0720 P:49 brother Branham said, "Moses knowed all the intellectuals, but God had to take him over to the bush and take it all out of him, and then put some faith in him from the Fire that was on the bush. And that's what we need tonight is another visit to the bush, where we get an experience.

And what is Faith? Faith is the evidence of things not seen. Faith is a revelation. And brother Branham continues, "Today we're living in a day when infidels is trying to explain it all the way. Jesus knowed that. He said, "I'll not leave you comfortless. The Father will send the Holy Ghost in My Name. And a little while and the world won't see Me no more, yet you'll see Me, for I (the Holy Spirit speaking in Him), I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the world." Now, God knowed that in the end of the world people's going to rise up, great scholars and intellectuals, and explain all of the Bible away. And no man has a right behind the pulpit, no man has a right to call himself a Christian, until he's once got back there on the backside of the desert <mark>under those sacred sands, where he met God face to face</mark>. He had an experience. You might take all the slick, intellectual Doctors of Divinity to explain all this away and explain all that away. But when it comes to stepping on that sacred sand where you met God face to face, there's not enough Doctors of Divinity, or not enough devils out of hell could ever shake that experience from you. When you have met God somewhere face-to-face, and felt the power of the change of a new life come in you, no devil in the hell could ever shake it away from you. You are a new creature, and vou've got the experience in your heart. You say, "But wait a minute, wait a minute, something happen." See? You've got something. I remember when the general overseer come, and he said, "Billy, you must've had a nightmare." I said, "If that's it, here's my fellowship card. I met Somebody that talked to me. It was Life to me."I said, "Here's...""Oh," he said, "don't feel that way about it."I said, "Well that's just my feeling anyhow. I can't get all tied up here and serve God. I'll just serve Him right out, just me and Him together."

And that is that Enoch walk we've talked about so much. You have to have that or you will perish. This end time is the most deceptive age of all ages. And without that experience of knowing Him in the power of His resurrection, then all you have is an intellectual conception.

So God is supernatural and what he does is supernatural. And that is above anything that can occur in nature. It is above nature. It is out of the ordinary. It will take an intercession from the One who controls all nature, and is above nature. In other words, He is saying it is not a natural thing or something of ordinary nature that he is requesting, but something that is of God nature in design. And so we see that as Jesus prayed, "Our Father Who art in Heaven Hallowed by Thy name, Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Jesus, as He taught the Disciples to pray He was laying out the pattern. And that pattern is to first acknowledge where you expect your help to come. *Our Father Who art in Heaven.*..In other words, Father, I know that you are above everything that I could possibly ask, and I know that everything I could possibly think to ask, you are more than able to perform.

And so we hear William Branham using that same approach as our Savior in addressing the almighty God. "Now, Father God, this is totally out of the hands of any man; it'd have to be supernatural phenomena. So I pray that You'll help me now, Lord; I'm in Your hands.

Then brother Branham continues talking to Gods as he says, "I'm in Your hands."

In other words, I'm stepping out of this picture. I no longer am going to be involved with what is going on here. I am getting myself out of the way, that you and you alone might take over, and thus receive the preeminence for what is about to happen. Then he adds, **Do with me as You see fit.** In Jesus' Name. Amen.

What a beautiful thought we are looking at this morning. A man so trusting in the mercy and judgment, of God that he is not afraid of any action that God might take, knowing that "All things shall work together for the good of those that Love the Lord and are the elect according to His Purpose". Now, let's pause in our thinking here and take this to the Scripture.

Romans 8:26 ¶ *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

Just as brother Branham is about to enter into a sort of intercessory role on the behalf of all those in the prayer line, he does not know what will come before him. In the Old Testament we can see that the Priest would take the request of the Believer into the presence of the High Priest, and then that High Priest would take all those request before the Lord God Himself.

But the priest is helpless. He cannot say yes or no, until the High priest comes back and says the Urim and Thummim of God has spoken yeah, yeah, or nay, nay.

Therefore we see William Branham standing here completely helpless unless God steps on the scene. He is standing there a mortal man, knowing that unless God Himself steps forward to take over, that he is just that close (snaps the finger) to ending his ministry.

And that I just like the violin, no one wanted to buy t because the vessel was old and worn, and no one thought it had any value. And maybe sometimes you fel that way about yourself, but let me just say this. If you have met God face to Face, and you know He is a reality to you, then ask what you will and it shall be done.

And the Apostle Paul tells us here, ¶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

The Spirit, God's Spirit helps us in our infirmities. For we don't even know what to ask or pray for, and so God's own Spirit is within us to intercede on our behalf for the things we have need of. He says, "but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

Paul continues by saying, 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Notice again what Paul says, here... "He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit." Why?

Well, to answer that we must know "Who is He that searches the hearts? It's God right?

Oh, if we could always just know what the mind of the Lord is for us. I think sometimes when we pray, we often just get down and begin by reciting what is on our own minds, without waiting to get into the mind of the Spirit of God. Why not start our prayer each day with "Father, what would you have your servant to do today." Or "what would you have your servant to know today." Or "who would you have your servant to help today." Or "who would you have me to pray for today."

And everyman that has been born of the Spirit of God, has enough of God's own Spirit in you that if you would just step aside of your own will and your own thoughts, and allow for that Spirit of God that is within you to begin speaking, you would soon find that you do know what to pray for because God has placed within you a conduit to His very presence which links you together in heavenly places, and that link is His own Word, which Jesus said is His Spirit.

Remember, God promised us that "He" "(God) would be working in us both to will and then to do His good pleasure."

I Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

So it is not something that comes to your mind just naturally. Nature has nothing to do with this communication between you can God. It is something God does, and is given to you.

The apostle Paul goes on to say, 10 "But God hath revealed [them] unto us by his Spirit:" "But God hath revealed them," God has God has apokalupto them, He has uncovered them, He has to unveil them, He has to make them known to us. How? By His Spirit which is His Word.

"for The Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

Now, he is not talking about your spirit for he says <u>The Spirit</u> searches all things, even the deep things of God.

Therefore what Paul is saying is that God does something by way of supernatural that allows you to receive the Spirit of God, The Spirit, not just a spirit, but The Spirit, His own Spirit, which is His Word which is His Life, the very Life of God, and thereby receiving His Life brings us into communion and fellowship with God's very own Spirit.

He goes on to say in verse 11 "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."

Therefore if it is not a natural thing for man to be able to know the supernatural God, therefore God must make a way for us to receive the things which are of or out from Him.

12 "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."

And how do we receive the Spirit of God? By receiving His word.

John 14:16 "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **17** Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

Notice Jesus says, Ye know him, for it is he that is now dwelling with you, but one day He that is in Me and is with you will come into you as well.

John 7:38 "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. **39** But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified."

Now, we know what Spirit was dwelling in Jesus. It was God Himself that said, "This is My beloved Son, In whom I am well pleased."

Notice "IN WHOM, I am well pleased."

Now, brother Branham said God was actually saying here, *This is my Beloved Son in Whom I am Pleased to dwell in...* and the critics on the internet just don't get it. They say this is one of those places where brother Branham did not even recite the scripture correctly, and yet it says "*IN whom, I am well pleased.*" "*In whom*,"

Matthew 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Now, I have **26** Bible versions to choose from in reading this, and every one of them says either *IN whom*, or *WITH whom*, or even *ON Whom My favor rests*...

So brother Branham's interpretation of this scripture is exactly with what is being said here, but these preventers of scripture can't even read their Bible right because they are so dead set against Brother Branham that they purposely will take scripture and twist it to their own destruction. And the reason they cannot understand is because it has been hidden from the world, but revealed unto babes such as are willing learn.

Matthew 11:25 ¶ At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

I Corintians 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

NEITHER can he know them! Now, I didn't write that, but God did. This is His Word, and he can do with it whatsoever He wishes, and He reveals to whomsoever He wishes.

I Corinthiasn 2:15 "But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man."

Look who is going to judge the man that is right. Oh, these men try to set themselves up as judges of God's Word, but they don't even know Him, much less know His Word. You know, they would deride brother Branham and say, He sure doesn't know his Bible, and brother Branham would always retort, "But I know the author real well." What would you rather know, the jot and tittle or the One who wrote it all.

16 "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

And that is the only way you can know the mind of the Lord is to have the mind of the Lord in you.

Now, in getting back to 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.

Not just some things. Not just a few things... Not just a majority of things, but *ALL* things work together for your good. The problem is we don't know what is for our good or not.

Romans 8:29 ¶ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate [to be] conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

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.

It's finished as far as God is concerned. And if it is finished, then

Romans 8:31 ¶ What shall we then say to these things? If God [be] for us, who [can be] against us? **32** He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Notice, if God has already proved His Love for you by sacrificing the One who was closest to Him, and the One that He loved the most. If He has already done that for you, then you ought to know that everything else is going to work out for your good as well.

Romans 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. **34** Who is he that condemneth?

Come on, Who is there among you that still is condemning you, He tells us...

"It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"

Whose going to do it, can anyone? No! Then Paul goes on to list a whole lot of things that people might think could do it, and then says, *NAY*, *nothing can separate you from the Love of God*. Notice...

"shall <u>tribulation</u>, or <u>distress</u>, or <u>persecution</u>, or <u>famine</u>, or <u>nakedness</u>, or <u>peril</u>, or <u>sword</u>? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 <u>Nay</u>, <u>in all these things</u> we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither <u>death</u>, nor <u>life</u>, nor <u>angels</u>, nor <u>principalities</u>, nor <u>powers</u>, nor <u>things present</u>, nor <u>things to come</u>, 39 Nor <u>height</u>, nor <u>depth</u>, nor <u>any other creature</u>, <u>shall be able to separate us from the love of God</u>, which <u>is in</u> Christ Jesus our Lord.

Let's just bow our heads in prayer.

Dear merciful God, here we stand this morning in Your presence, as helpless as any could be, and yet we know that you have not left us nor forsaken us, and that you have a purpose for each and every one of us, and you have come to fulfill that promise. Grant Father that we may know you in the power of your resurrection, for you said, "if that spirit that rose up Jesus be in us, It will also quicken our mortal bodies", and we, in this quickening process that we long to enter, we ask it in Jesus Christ's precious name. Amen!