

**Unveiling of God no 202**  
*Understanding the things of God*  
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This morning we are going to take a subject from paragraph 188. So let's begin where we left off and read first 187.

*187 I love Him, I love Him Because He first loved me And purchased my salvation On Calvary's tree. Do you love Him? Wonderful, wonderful, Jesus is to me, The Counselor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God is He; He's saving me, keeping me from all sin and shame, Wonderful is my Redeemer, praise His Name! I once was lost, now I'm found, free from condemnation, Jesus gives liberty and a full salvation; Saving me, keeping me from all sin and shame, Wonderful is my Redeemer, praise His Name! Oh, wonderful, wonderful, Jesus is to me, The Counselor, the Prince of Peace, The Mighty God is He; Oh, saving me, keeping me from all sin and shame, Wonderful is my Redeemer, praise His Name!*

***188 How many sees Him standing the Mighty Conqueror, the Word made flesh, unveiled before us, the Alpha, the Omega, He that Was, Which Is, and Shall Come, the Root and the Offspring of David; was the Son of man, the Son of God, Son of man, and will be Son of David? You believe It with all your hearts? Unveiling Himself in each age, brought it to the believer, veiling Himself in human flesh from the unbeliever. He's hid behind a veil. May God break every veil and we see Him as He is. Jesus breaks every fetter, Jesus breaks every fetter, Oh, Jesus breaks every fetter, When He sets you free! On the other side of Jordan, In the sweet fields of Eden Where the Tree of Life is blooming, There is rest for me. Jesus breaks... (Don't you want to cross Jordan now? Been long enough in the wilderness, let's go over in the promises.) Jesus breaks every fetter, Jesus breaks every fetter, Oh, when He sets you free! Let's raise our hand now. I will ever, ever praise Him, I will ever, ever praise Him, I will ever, ever praise Him, For He set me free! (Amen!)***

Ok, so let's stop a moment and look at what he said in pp 188. He said, How many sees Him standing the Mighty Conqueror, the Word made flesh, unveiled before us, the Alpha, the Omega...and then he said, Unveiling Himself in each age, brought it to the believer, veiling Himself in human flesh from the unbeliever. He's hid behind a veil. May God break every veil and we see Him as He is.

Now, remember there is coming a time when we are to see Him as He is and when we do see him as He truly is then we are to become like him.

**1 John 3:2 *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, (when He shall Phaneroo, which means to appear in ones true character, at that time he says) we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.***

So we see that there is something that happens to us when we see him as He truly is. And it is not what you do that changes you, but the seeing him, means you not only will know him but you will understand him.

Now a week ago we spoke to you about this last day when God comes down with a Shout, and brings with him the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the knowledge of Himself.

Now, after the apostle Paul spends the first half of Ephesian chapter 1 talking about our being predestined to the adoption of children he then goes into what our inheritance will be all about.

So let's begin by reading the first 11 or so verse and then we will focus on the timing of all this in the last dozen verses in Ephesians chapter 1.

**Ephesians 1:1** *Paul, an apostle* (and if He is an apostle, He is one that is sent, and so then he tells us who sent him) *an apostle of Jesus Christ* (and then he tells us that his being sent is) *by the will of God*, (and now if he is sent, he is going to tell us who he is sent to) *to the saints which are at Ephesus*. So notice then that Paul was not only sent to the saints (which were the sanctified and set apart ones at Ephesus) but he says, *and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:*

This tells us that He was also and therefore this letter is also for, all who are the faithful ones in Christ Jesus.

Therefore that not only includes all that first Church age group of believers, but all church age believers down through the ages who are considered the faithful in Christ Jesus.

Now, I want you to notice this because Wesley's Message was to the Church Age in which Wesley lived, which is the Philadelphia Church Age. And Luther's Message of Justification was to the age in which he lived, and carried over into Wesley's Age and our age. But Martin and Columba and Irenaeus, and their Message was pretty much for the people in the Age that they lived.

If you are a student of the Word you will also be blessed when you look back on the Messages of those men, but their Messages were not like Paul's Message in that it was for all the ages. These men looked back at what Paul taught as did Luther, and Wesley's Message. Paul's Message was the Alpha of all Messages.

And since William Branham's Message came after all the church Ages have come to an end, we have to understand if Alpha becomes omega, then the first Message and the last Message are the same.

From his sermon **The Masterpiece 64-0705 P:99** brother Branham said, *"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.** Oh, my, brethren, we could stay hours on that.***

In the paragraph right before that he said **Masterpiece the 64-0705 P:98** *"The Word has become flesh, exactly like He promised in **Luke 17**, and **Malachi 4**, and all. See? That's right. **Revelation...All true Life that was in the stalk, tassel, and husk is now gathering in the Seed, ready for the resurrection, ready for the harvest. The Alpha has become***

***Omega. The first become last; and the last is the first. The Seed that went in has come through a process and become the Seed again. The seed that fell in the garden of Eden and died there, come back from that imperfect seed that died there, come back to the perfect Seed, the Second Adam.***

And when he was caught up on the other side, when he asked if Paul would have to stand with his people, the angel told him yes, and then he said, “well, I only preached what Paul preached”, and the people (all his converts to Christ they all cried out, “We’re counting on that.”

So what the people were counting on is that William Branham preached what Paul preached. So Paul’s Message went all the way from Alpha to Omega, but in between it got watered down, and almost altogether lost. But God told us that would happen, and he also told us He would restore all that was taken away.

can honestly say that it was for this Age alone. So this age and the faithful in Christ Jesus are privy to a ministry that restored us to the teachings of the Apostle Paul.

Brother Branham said in his sermon **What Holy Ghost was given for 59-1217 P:29 Same Holy Spirit that saved the Lutherans, that sanctified the Methodists, that baptized the Pentecostals, is now setting in order the coming of the Lord Jesus. When it'll be so powerful, that Body will come into this group of church that'll draw the rest of them from the grave. There'll be a resurrection. That's what the Holy Ghost is for. What is the Holy Ghost? Without us they cannot be made perfect. They lived in one day under that; we live in another day. "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God will raise a standard against it." See?**

Now, the promise of this restoration was made by God himself in the book of **Joel 2:25** ***And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. 26*** And (when I have restored those years) ***ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. 27*** ***And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,*** (so this speaks of His Presence, which is His Parousia, His Appearing before the literal second coming of the Son of God) ***and*** (during this presence you will also know) ***that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.***

And then to let us know the time when this will happen he also gives us some signs and events to consider, so we will know when this great event of a restored Word takes place, just like when we study the Parousia of Christ that Jesus, Paul, Peter, James and John all taught to the church, we see also in those Scriptures signs and events that were mentioned to identify the time of His great Presence.

So Joel continues in verse **28** ***And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29*** ***And also upon the servants*** (notice, not my servants, but THE servants) ***and upon the handmaids*** (not my handmaids, but The handmaids, so there is He has no claim for these 2 groups) ***in those days will I pour out my spirit. 30*** ***And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and***

*fire, and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. 32 And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered**: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.*

And so we see there is not deliverance if there is nothing to be delivered from. So after He restores His Word, and we see the Spirit fall upon all flesh, then comes the tribulation time, and God will deliver the children of Zion, and in Jerusalem.

But first we see a time of restoration, what was in the Alpha and over the ages was destroyed by the army will at the Omega be restored again. The seed that was planted in Paul's Alpha Ministry of Christ will come to full maturity in the Omega ministry of the Holy Ghost in the end time under William Branham's ministry.

From his sermon **True vine and the false vine 55-0607 P:50** *All of His former glory will return to it again. All that it was in the first place will come back again. I thought, "What does God send the wind for anyhow?" To shake them trees. Every time you shake a tree, it loosens up the root, and cause it to grow deeper, deeper. Every time the Holy Ghost falls on the church in an old fashion revival, it shakes up the roots like this so it can get rooted and grounded, ready for the storms and trials as they come upon the earth. Hallelujah!"I will restore, saith the Lord, all its former days, all's been eaten down." One took the baptism out. The other took the joy out. The another took the Holy Ghost out. And another took the healing out. And another one took gifts out. And the first thing you know, you ain't got no more than a big old dead bleak bush standing there. But down under here somewhere, God- reserved life is coming on, just the same. The church, and as long as there's a earth here, God will have a church representing Him. "I will restore, saith the Lord, all the glory of the former days. I will restore what the cankerworm left. I will restore healing. I will restore the Holy Spirit. I will restore the joy. I will restore everything that the first church had. I will restore it again in the last days." And we are living here in the day when it is. Brother, step off of this thing and get over on here as quick as you can. Amen.*

I want you to understand when brother Branham said, "*I only preached what Paul preached*", that Paul did the planting, because Paul sowed the Word into the hearts of men, but William Branham harvested that Word in the hearts of men.

One sowed the Life, the other harvested that life in a finished, manifested form.

The same seed that went into the ground has to come back to seed again the same as it went into the ground.

**Questions and answers COD 64-0823E P:59** *And now, if you notice on your American dollar bill, that great headstone, an eye, says, "The Great Seal." It will come. And notice those stones... Was anybody here ever at the pyramids in Egypt? Well, if you notice... There, there's hands there that's up back there. All right. Those stones are laying in there so perfect, and that top, where the cupola like in the top of it, when that stone comes, it'll be like a great diamond fitting right down in there just perfect with it. Now, that stone would not fit down there on that bottom foundation, neither will it fit on the second*

foundation or the third foundation. It'll only fit on the top foundation, when the entire building has become fitted to the stone. And Jesus cannot come until a church, **a body of believers and the ministry that He once...?... will have to be the same as it was then to...** And then, that brings... **"Them without us is not made perfect," Paul said, Hebrews 11. "Without us they cannot be perfected." They must have this ministry to raise up the Lutheran, Wesleys, and all them down through their ages. When that come, when that part of the where the eagles gathered... "Just as the carcass is the eagles will be gathered,"** the question was. Oh, it's just perfect. I hope that answered the question.

**Desperation 63-0901E P:17** *And the devil can impersonate any of those things. But he cannot be the Holy Ghost. See? He can impersonate these gifts, but he can't be the Holy Ghost. And the Holy Ghost is the Token that the Blood's been applied, because It follows the Blood all the way from the Book of Redemption. See it? That was the purpose of Him coming. That's what He followed in every age. Every age He's followed that to see that It's brought forth. And they could not be made perfect without us. And now, the entire Holy Spirit visits the church making God in human flesh as He did before Sodom, the burning there, which was a type. Then Abraham, He appeared to him. And all the things that He hasn't done down through the ages, in the church ages, **He is now doing. Back to the Word, because the messages, and the messages, and the messages has to wind up in the entire Word.** And in the last days, the Seven Seals being open, was to pick up every straggle that's been left off in it and make the whole thing in one great big body of the Bride, that **them who lived back there was not perfect until this church be perfected, the Bride group in the last days, to bring them in and all together be taken up.** See?*

So in order for the seed that was planted in Paul's day, in order for that seed to come to harvest, remember it was the same seed all the way through the church ages, but some got scattered in the second age and the third, fourth fifth, sixth etc. But at the end the Lord raises up that seed and restores the complete seed in full manifestation of Word and Spirit at this end time Omega ministry.

Now, let's read from verse **2** *Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed be the God and (or Who is the) Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as He (God) hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him* (and that word **before** is a Greek word **katenopion** which means to be **before** or **in the presence of**). Then *in love: 5 Having (past tense) predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*

Look, this is all about what He has done, and not a thing about what you do.

**8** *Wherein he hath abounded (or overflowed) toward us in all wisdom and prudence;*

So he not only overflows you with wisdom but prudence, and prudence is a mental activity, wherein you do not just know something but you know also to act upon what you know.

That is why brother Branham said, you not only hear it but you must act upon it. That's prudence.

*9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance* (ok, so if you got the Holy Ghost you have the down payment for your inheritance) *until the redemption of the purchased possession, (that's the redemption of your body) unto the praise of his glory.*

*15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus* (You revelation of Christ), *and love* (your outward expression of that revelation) *unto all the saints,* Now, notice he says, "after I heard of your revelation and outward manifestation of that revelation" *16 I Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;*

In other words, "I am o happy to see that you have not only the revelation of Christ but that you are also expressing that revelation towards each other" and because of that...

I am waiting on one more thing, and that is *17 "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, (Who is) the Father of glory, (the Father of Doxa) may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:*

Now why would God come down, and during his Great Parousia give us this Wisdom and Revelation in the knowledge of Himself? In order for you to come to the place of adoption, whereby you will know and understand what your inheritance is all about.

**Adoption or placing 60-0522E P:87** *"Wherefore I also..." Paul's just telling now what he is. I'll read the rest of this, and then we pray for the sick. "Until the possession, this is the earnest until the possession, unto the praises of His glory."Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith... (I heard that you believed this stuff; I heard that you really believed in predestination, Eternal Life, and salvation, and so forth)... in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all... saints,Cease not to give thanks to you, making mention of you in my prayers;That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in... knowledge of him:... (Just keep revealing Himself to you all the time, growing from grace unto grace, from power unto power, and glory unto glory. Not fall back; but from glory unto glory, keep moving on. I'll keep praying for you.)The eyes of your understanding... 88 Umm. You know, and the Bible said you were blind and didn't know it. But here Paul said, "I'm going to pray that your eyes of understanding..." You understand with your heart. That's what he's talking about. You look with your eye, but you see with your heart. You know that. All right. "That the God of glory..." Let's see, the 18th verse. "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of the calling, and what the riches of... glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward"...*

*(Whew. They say the power's gone? The power hasn't even arrived yet.)... who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, "You who have believed to the working of His mighty power, I just pray that God will just pour out His power upon you." See? Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from... him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in... heavenly places, Far above... principalities... powers... might... dominion, and that every name that is named,... Oh. For... No, I better not. We could sure take the rest the night on that.... every name that is named, not only in this world, but that in the world to come:*

Now, brother Branham tells us all about this in his sermon the Seventy Weeks of Daniel.

**Seventy weeks of Daniel 61-0806 P:36** *"But you remember in **Daniel 12** He said, "**The wise shall understand in the last--in this last days**"? It's been given to him. The Spirit of wisdom comes into the church to make known to the church by the revelation of the Holy Ghost--bringing the church in and revealing what day that we're living in. Just the same as Gabriel come to Daniel, the Holy Spirit comes to the church in the last days to reveal these great, deep, secret things. **Do you understand now?**"*

Well, how did Gabriel come to Daniel? One Angel to One prophet, and that is how the Holy Ghost came in this hour. And He brought with him *the spirit of wisdom and knowledge so we might understand. To make the eyes of our understanding enlightened in order to know.*

That is what Daniel and Paul and William Branham are all saying. That is what the Parousia presence is all about. He come down with A Shout which is a Message that gives us Wisdom and revelation to understand Him.

**18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened;** (that means to lighten so we might see) *that ye may know* (or be aware and perceive) *what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,*

From his sermon **Divine Healing 54-1219M 279** brother Branham said, *"May I, instead of him this morning, standing and quote to this generation, "**For except a man be born again, he can't understand these things, the Kingdom of God,**" as He said to Nicodemus of old. You can't understand it; you'll never understand it, until God comes into your heart. And you'll be a part of Him, then you'll say, "Yes, Lord, every bit of the Word's inspired. I believe every bit of It. I believe It's the Truth. And here I am, Lord, to walk in the Light." As long as you're borderline out there, you can't believe it. You can't do it. May the Lord help you this morning to see the supernatural.*

Look, the Apostle Paul taught us in **1 Corinthians 2** that *"No man can understand the things of God except the Spirit of God be in Him."* And the Paul says, *"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.* So it takes the Spirit of God in a man to discern the things of God.

And from his sermon **Contending for the Faith 55-0220E E-66** brother Branham said, "Jesus said, *"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom."* **You can't understand it.** *It's a mystic, mythical thing until you're born again.* **There the very Life of God comes in you. Everlasting, Eternal Life, Zoe, God's own Life comes in you, and then you're a part of God.** *You're a Son of God or a daughter of God. And then you see as God sees. You believe as God believes.*

Now in the **Rotherham:** we read from **Isaiah 28:8-9** "For all tables are full of filthy vomit, there is no place! Whom shall he teach knowledge? And **whom would he cause to understand the Message?"**

And that is a very good question? Who will God cause to understand the Message. Because just to hear it means nothing, you must hear it and understand it, then you recognize it and then if you have recognized it you will act upon it.

Now, let's read that from the **Expanded Bible Isaiah 28:8** "Every **Table** is covered with **vomit**," (and what is vomit? It is food from another day,) "so there is not a clean place anywhere. **9** *The LORD is trying to teach the people a lesson, Who is he teaching knowledge?; **he is trying to make them understand his teachings, To whom is he explaining the Message?** But the people are like babies too old for breast milk, Those weaned from milk? Like those who no longer nurse at their mother's breast, Those taken from the breast?* So these are not infants, but they are just little kids, and not fully mature and ready for adoption.

Again the both the **NIV** and from the **Amplified Bible Isaiah 28:8** *For all the Tables are full of filthy vomit, so that there is no place that is clean. 9 They say "To whom would He teach knowledge? And to whom would He explain the Message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just taken from the breast?*

Now, if we read further we will see how those who do not come to an understanding of the Message end up going into works and legalism. Let's read on...

**10** *For it is: Do this, do that, a rule for this, and a rule for that, a little here, a little there.* **11** *Very well then, with foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people, 12 to whom he said, "This is the resting place, let the weary rest"; and, "This is the place of repose"* (you know, this is the place where we are to lay in the presence of the son to ripen) *but they would not listen. 13 So then, **the word of the LORD to them will become: Do this, do that, a rule for this, a rule for that; a little here, a little there, so that as they go they will fall backward;** (and to fall backward brings you back to Pentecost) *they will be injured and snared and captured.**

Again from the translation called the **The Voice Isaiah 28:8** *There's vomit on all of the Tables, filth all over the place. 9 The priests and prophets mock: "Who is left for God to instruct in knowledge? Who will listen and understand His Message? Maybe those infants just weaned off of milk, those innocents just taken from the breast? 10 For here is how it goes: Command after command. Command on top of command. Rule after rule. Rule on top of rule. A little here, A little there."* **11** *For now that God's people reject His message, He will speak to them through the stammering lips And foreign language of an invader. 12 This is the way: here is rest for the weary. I am showing you rest.*

*But they wouldn't listen to Him. 13 And so the word of the Eternal One to them will be just as they said: "Command after command. Command on top of command. Rule after rule. Rule on top of rule. A little here, a little there." But they'll go and fail. They'll fall back, broken and trapped, and be taken away by another people. 14 Let this be a warning, the Eternal's word to you sarcastic jokesters, you leaders in Jerusalem.*

And just as in the Alpha Israel ended up being overrun by the foreigner, Rome, so will America be overrun by the foreigner Russia. And that is because it is promised as one of the curses that Moses spoke of in **Deuteronomy 28.43** *The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. 44 He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.*

**Is This The Time. pg.2** *For all tables are full of filthy vomit, there is no place! Who would He teach knowledge And whom would He cause to understand the Message? I believe it was Doctor Lamsa who wrote the Lams Bible translation who said.. On time was speaking an didn't know he was there. He came back and was talking about the urim thummim, he was speaking of that light and he said "what is the matter with these people today? He said "The reason the people the translator could not translate the Bible correctly was that the translator tried to translate it the high yiddish and Jesus speaking spoke in the common class just like the street people spoke. You know there is scripture over in Luke that says "**The common people heard Him gladly. He spoke in their language** I hope that is so again.*

**Shalom. pg 34** *"The Elected see, knows It' always through every age that they know it.*

**Shalom 64-0112 P:22** *And men, how they'll continue on into their creeds, and serve under those creeds and things. And they're good people. They're fine people. But yet it seems like that they can't understand, look like they can't get it. Why? I go back the next year, and instead of being any better, it's worse. It continues on. Here's a sister that once had lovely long hair; she cut it off. Here's a man that once looked like he took his stand and went out for the thing was right; he's right back in like a dog to its vomit, and a hog to its wallow (See?), goes right back out in it. It seems like there's something that has struck our people; it struck the world, that they don't seem to have the understanding, or there's something's wrong.*

**Hear recognize act on word 60-0221 P:18** brother Branham is speaking of Balaam, and says, 'He failed with *the blindness of his eyes to see the predestinated plan, and to see the Word of God. First, **faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word of God. Then the believer hears It, recognizes It, and acts on It. The carnal man will hear It, the sound of It, but never... "Hear" means to "understand" It. Look at, is looking at something; but to see it, is to "understand" it. "Except a man be borned again, he cannot see or understand the Kingdom of God."***

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**Seed shall not be heir 65-0429B P:25** Now, if you'll take Saint **John 5:24**, listen to this, **"He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has Everlasting Life."** Now, how would that be so much different from many of our theologies? Now, I could walk out here and say to a drunkard, **"Do you believe?" "Sure." "A man with another man's wife, "Do you believe?" "Sure." "Did you set in the meeting last night to hear the Word?" "Sure." "You believe It?" "Sure." He's just saying that. But the original interpretation of this Word, "he that understandeth My Word, and will believe on Him that sent Me... He that understands," that is to who It's made known to.** Jesus said, **"No man can come to Me except My Father has drawn him. And all that My Father hath given Me, they will come. My sheep, My doves, hear My Voice. A stranger they will not follow."** And what is the Voice of God? **Is the Word of God.** What's any man's voice but his word? **It's the Word of God; they'll hear the Word of God.**

**63-0120M - The Voice Of God In This Last Days 26** And, today, one reason that the church is in the condition that it's in, is because there is so many voices, **so many other voices to attract the church from the Voice of God,** till it's very doubtful that many would hear the Voice of God **though It spoke right in their midst. They perhaps wouldn't even understand It, because It would be a foreign thing to them.** They have got themselves so much centered on the voices of the day!

This is why I am so against people believing that you just have to push play and you will make the rapture. You can push play all day long but if you don't understand what is said, you will never recognize and then it's impossible to act upon it. You must hear which means to understand, then when you understand it you recognize what it is that you are hearing and then you can act appropriately on what you hear and understand.

And that is exactly what brother Branham said from the **Church Age Book Chapter 4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age P:109** brother Branham said, **"Now when God is silent we had better be silent. But where He has spoken we had better speak, too, and say what He has already said. He told us the evidence, or what would happen after being baptized with the Holy Ghost was that we would have the Teacher come and teach all truth. But that Teacher was an INSIDE teacher, not an outside teacher. If the Spirit wasn't inside, you wouldn't hear the truth and receive it by revelation if you heard it every moment of the day.** That was the sign of the indwelling Spirit in the days of Paul. **Those who were filled with the Holy Ghost heard the Word, received it and lived by it.** Those who did not have the Spirit heard it only as carnal men, put a wrong interpretation on it and went into sin.

And again in the **Church Age Book Chapter 4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age P:110** In every age, (and every age is the age of the Holy Ghost for the true believer)--I say, in every age the evidence was the same. Those who had **the Spirit, the Teacher, heard the Word, and that Spirit in them took the Word and taught it (revealed it) to them; and they were of the group that heard the messenger and his message and took it and lived it.**

And one more quote from the **Church Age Book Chapter 4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age P:140** *In every age we have exactly the same pattern. That is why the light comes through some God-given messenger in a certain area, and **then from that messenger there spreads the light through the ministry of others who have been faithfully taught.** But of course all those who go out don't always learn how necessary it is to speak ONLY what the messenger has spoken. (Remember, Paul warned the people **to say** (not push play). Paul warned the people **to say** only what **he said**, **I Corinthians 14:37**, "If any man think himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the Commandments of the Lord. What? came the Word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?") They **add** here, (preaching push play is adding to the message) or **take away** there, (and denying what the scripture says concerning a genuine Five Fold ministry is taking away) and **soon the message is no longer pure**, and the revival dies down. How careful we must be to hear **one voice, for the Spirit has but one voice which is the voice of God.** (now, some people will tell you the voice of God is the voice of a certain man, but that is not what William Branham taught. He said it is the Word of God, watch.) Paul warned them **to say what he said**, even as Peter did likewise. He warned them that even he (Paul) could not change one word of what he had given by revelation. Oh, how important it is to **hear the voice of God by way of His messengers**, and **then say** what has been given them **to say** to the churches.*

Now where here does it say, the commandment is to play what he said. The commandment was to say what he said. And in order to day what he said, you have to have an active ministry doing just that.

Now, I am not against playing the tapes, I'm all for it. Because I believe William Branham was God's vindicated prophet and you must hear him say it before you can repeat what he said. But if you just think pushing a button will help you to understand what is said on these tapes, you are only fooling yourself.

If a child never repeated what he heard he would never understand language, and therefore he would never be able to speak nor to communicate. He hears the words, then repeats them, and gets a response to what he says. That is called gratification. And when he receives a positive stimulus when he says the right thing, he then wants to do it more and more. But if there is not repeating what is said, he gets no stimulus and therefore he will never learn to talk.

You must hear it then speak it and then your understanding grows each time you do. For that is the way the Inner Teacher, the Holy Ghost operates in the church.

Let me read in closing a few scriptures that will drive home the points I made this morning.

**Luke 10:16** *He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.*

Therefore if hearing you they also hear Jesus the son of God, the the voice is His word and not the vocal chords saying those words.

Now one of brother Branham's favorite Scriptures. **John 5:24** *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth (understands) my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath (echoes) everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.* And what is an echo? It is hearing and then repeating what you hear. We read in the book of Revelations that the Bride will say exactly what the Spirit says.

**Revelation 22:17** *And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come".* Notice they say the same thing. The Spirit says it first and then the bride says it. *"And let him that heareth (that understands) say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

**1 John 4:6** *We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.* Now, us is plural. Just the same as we see in **John 14:12** Jesus said *"whosoever believeth on me, the works that I do shall they do also."*

Now I know the King James version says *"He that believeth"* but God's vindicated prophet said in **59-0628E - "Questions And Answers" 172 88b.** Brother Branham,... **Can any man do the works of Christ unless he was Christ? That's what it is, "Unless he was Christ?" Sure.** Let's take Saint **John**, just a minute. **Saint John the 14th** chapter and I want you to look at this, now, if you can catch it right quick, Saint **John 14:12**, I believe it is. We'll get it right quick, and look what Jesus said about this. All right, *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He," "whoever it is", "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." Any man, The man himself can't be Christ, but the works of Christ will follow every believer. See? He'll do the works of Christ in any man. "He that believeth in Me, the works that I do, he shall do." Not, "I shall do," "he shall do, he shall," not, "I." "But he believes in Me and has confessed his faith in Me and died out to himself and My Spirit dwells in him and he becomes a part of Me." Now that don't make him Christ. It makes him part of Christ with the rest of the Church. All right. He is not Christ, because that would be anti-Christ, you see. He would be taking away from Christ. But he can be, do the works of Christ, any believer. All right.*

Notice he says in multiple ways that the **"he"** in **John 14:12** refers to (1) **whosoever it is**, and in (2) **any man** and in (3) **every believer** and again in (4) **any man**, and in (5) **any believer**, etc. Now this is the explanation for the question concerning **John 14:12** that a Vindicated prophet of God gave.

And from his sermon, **63-1112 - Sir, We Would See Jesus 38** Brother Branham said, *"Now, according to the Scriptures, we are supposed to be "written epistles" of Him. The Bible says that we are "written epistles." And if, tonight, we would hunger and thirst to see the Lord Jesus Christ, we as Christian believers should reflect His Life, so much, till it would be His entire representative. We should be that. Every Christian should be represent and reflect the Life of Jesus Christ. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] And I believe that every Christian should be reflecting the Life of Christ. He said, in Saint **John 14:12**, "He that believeth on Me, the works I do shall he do also."*

*And then we know that that's true, that **we are His representatives**. And **if we claim that Christ lives in us, and if Christ lives in us, then we should do as Christ did. We should reflect His Life.**"*

Now that same spirit that tries to say no one has the works of Christ in their life but brother Branham is the same spirit that says no one should preach the Message except William Branham. That is exactly the same spirit and it is false and say not what the prophet said.

**John 8:47** *He that is of God **heareth** (understands) **God's words: ye therefore hear** (understand) **them not, because ye are not of God.***

**Matthew 13:23** *But he that received seed into the good ground is he that **heareth** the word, and **understandeth** it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*

**Matthew 13:19** *When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and **understandeth it not**, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.*

So let us not be among them that hear but don't understand, and see but do not perceive what they see.

**Matthew 13:10** *And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? **11** He answered and said unto them, Because **it is given unto you to know** the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but **to them it is not given to know.** **12** For whosoever hath, (echoes) to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath (echoes) not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath (thinks he is echoing). **13** Therefore speak I to them in parables: because **seeing they see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.** (so Jesus himself says the fact that they do not hear means they do not understand) **14** And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, **By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:** **15** For this people's heart is waxed gross, and **their ears are dull of hearing**, (their ears are dull of understanding, because they hear the audible sound but there is not connection with the heart and therefore what they audibly hear does not register in their heart) and **their eyes** (the prophets) **they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.** **16** But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.(blessed are your ears for they understand).*

**Faith 57-1229 P:** *And usually people who have faith are people who have experience. Experience brings faith. I think that's the reason that the Bible teaches us--Jesus said in Saint John the 3rd chapter, "**Except a man be borned again he cannot understand the Kingdom of God.**" Now, that's quoting from the original. In the King James it said, "**He cannot see.**" But the word doesn't mean "see, like you look with your eyes"; it means **to understand**. You can't see the Kingdom anyhow. **You must understand it.** And Jesus said, "**Except a man be borned again first, he cannot understand the Kingdom of God.**" So it behooves us **to have an experience before faith can ever accomplish very much.***

**Blasphemous names 62-1104M P:103** "Where does all these things come from that I've showed you? Where are they from?" I said, "Here they are. **They are in the Word of God.** They are **THUS SAITH THE LORD**, His promise, 'cause," I said, "all of you bear me record, witness this, that my commission is, '**Stay with the Word.**'" I said, "What's the matter with all of you? **Can't you understand the Word? You must understand It.**"

The Apostle Paul said in **1 Thessalonians 4:13** But **I would not have you to be ignorant**, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. So Paul wanted for us to have understanding.

**Proverbs 4:7** Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get **understanding**.

**1 John 5:20** And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an **understanding**, that we may know him that is true...

**1 Corinthians 14:20** Brethren, be not children in **understanding**: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in **understanding** be men.

**Luke 24:45** Then opened he their **understanding**, that they might **understand** the scriptures,

**Colossians 2:2** That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the **full assurance of understanding**, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

**Colossians 1:9** For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and **spiritual understanding**;

**1 Corinthians 14:15** What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the **understanding** also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the **understanding** also.

**Hebrews 11:3** **Through faith we understand** that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

**Ephesians 5:17** Wherefore be ye not unwise, but **understanding what the will of the Lord is**. Contrast how God wants for us not to be ignorant but understand what His will and Word is in comparison to those who are incapable of understanding His Word and His Will.

**Ephesians 4:18** Having their **understanding darkened**, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

**2 Peter 2:12** But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, **speak evil of the things that they understand not**; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

**1 Timothy 1:7** Desiring to be teachers of the law; **understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm**.

**Communion 65-1212 P:5** *See, that reason I'm saying this, so that you would understand what you're doing. If you walk into anything blindly, you don't know what you're doing. You can't have even confidence if you don't know what you're doing. But you must understand what you are doing and why you're doing it.*

**Christ is identified the same 64-0415 P:22** *See, you must understand? You must come with an understanding, and that's the way Christ wants us to come. You have to have faith in what you're doing. If you don't--you just going kind of haphazard, "I hope so," it'll never happen. it can't happen. See, you can't have faith if you're going like that. **You must thoroughly know what you're going, and know it's going to happen.** Then you're positive then, that it's going to happen.*

Let us bow our heads in prayer