

Unveiling of God no 221

Light over the Word

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Last week we examined paragraph 157 of **The Unveiling of God** where brother Branham said, “*They spiritually die now. This is the spiritual veil. See? That was a natural veil. This is spiritual veil. See? They keep walking right on in behind there; you can tell them. "Oh, I know. I know that, but I..." Go ahead; it's all right; it only speaks... You remember, the last plague in Egypt was death, before the exodus. **The last plague on earth is spiritual death before the exodus.** Then they'll be cremated and turned back to the dust, and the righteous will walk out upon their ashes. But the last thing is spiritual death, rejecting the Word.*

And we took that to **Deuteronomy 28** where “*failing to hearken to the Voice of the Lord Thy God*” Brought on the curse, which all led to death. And we examined what it means to not *hearken* to God’s Voice, which is His Word. In **Deuteronomy 28:1** the Hebrew word for “*hearken*” is “*shawmah*” and it literally means “*to hear intelligently, understand, and obey*”. Therefore to not hearken means to listen without using your intelligence, without understanding, and therefore not obeying what that voice of the Word is telling you.

And we see that the consequence of not listening intelligently in order to understand and obey leads to death, and as brother Branham said, that the penalty of death is the last plague to strike Egypt and is the last plague to strike the earth before the great annihilation takes place.

This morning we will proceed to paragraph where brother Branham says, **158** “*And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God..." See, here we are. **The Light over the Word...** **As the light of the sun changes the seed from glory to glory; we also become more like Him as we live in His Presence, like Him, being conformed to His blessed image as we walk with Him.** Watch what the sun does. You plant a seed; what happens? That seed rots. **Inside the seed is a life.** The life comes forth and brings forth a stalk. Now, that don't look like the first. There's Luther; it was a stalk. All right. The stalk went on, and the first thing you know it brought forth a tassel. See, that was the Wesleyan revival, wasn't like the other. Then along come the Pentecostal revival (See?), brought forth the baptism of the Holy Ghost. All right, what happened? We get fungus on the ear; it begins to look wrong, this thing, that thing; it don't look like the Word; it's not like the rest of it; it's not like the original grain went in. But God is still there to make that just the same.*

Now, in this paragraph 157 brother Branham uses the expression *See, here we are. **The Light over the Word,** ...* and then he immediately says, ***As the light of the sun changes the seed from glory to glory; we also become more like Him as we live in His Presence, like Him, being conformed to His blessed image as we walk with Him.*** Watch what the sun does

So brother Branham is giving us a clue when he identifies what the sun does to any seed that has been planted. And if we just look at the natural we can see also the same application in the spiritual. It takes light to manifest any life.

The Apostle Paul said in **Ephesians 5:13** from the Amplified Bible we read, “*But all things **become visible** when they are **exposed by the light** of God’s precepts, for **it is light that makes everything visible.**” And from the **NIV** we read, **13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.***

Now, the **Passion Translation** is a bit more unique in that instead of merely using the word light, it uses the word revelation light as we read **13 Whatever the **revelation-light** exposes, it will also correct, and everything that reveals truth is light to the soul.**

Now, never ever forget that the definition of revelation is "**Manifestation of Divine Truth.**" And you can have Divine Truth, and in fact the Entire written Bible is Divine Truth. But Light upon that Divine Truth is when that Divine truth is manifested. And until it is manifested God has not yet interpreted that portion of His Word. Because we know that God interprets His Word by bringing it to pass.

The Apostle Peter told us that this Bible, the Word of God is of no private interpretation.

2 Peter 1:19 *We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:*
20 *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

Notice that he says first that we have a more sure word of prophecy. So what is that more sure word. It would be when that prophecy comes to pass, then it is a certainty, that the interpretation of the prophecy is *when it comes to pass and you can see that this what is written is the same as this which came to pass.* Now, that is making it as clear as it gets, and brother Branham said,

Harvest time 64-1212 P:63 *Jesus said, "When He the Spirit of Truth is come (See?) He will bring these things that I've taught, to your memory, the Word. And He'll also show you things to come." There's the real Spirit-filled Church now, stays with the Word, reflects the Word, God on earth. See? He doesn't need any theologian, 'cause His Word is of no private interpretation. He interprets His own Word, by vindicating It and proving It, It's the Truth.*

Investments the 64-0314 P:24 *That's what makes the Gospel today. It's the unusualness, because God is unusual. His Word is interpreted unusual to what we sometimes have it interpreted. But as I've said before, God needs nobody to interpret His Word. He does His own interpretation by bringing to pass the things that He said He would do. He interprets His own Word. He doesn't need our interpretation. It's... Our interpretation is our own manmade thoughts that we put with It. When God said, "Let there be light," and there was light, that needs no interpretation. God said, "A virgin shall conceive," and she did. That doesn't need any interpretation. Jesus said, "The Son of man goes up to Jerusalem, and be given into the hands of sinful men. They'll crucify Him; and on the third day He'll raise up again." That needs no interpretation. He said, "A little while and the world seeth Me no more; yet ye shall see Me: for I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the age, to the consummation." He's here. It doesn't need any interpretation. It's His promise." The works that I do shall he do also. He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also." That's found in St. John 14:12, and we know that that's true. So it doesn't need any interpretation.*

"Ah, well now, you see, the word "he" is singular you know, ah, and well, therefore that can only speak of one man."

But God interprets his word by bringing it to pass, it needs no interpretation.

And a prophet of God that God vindicated with the interpretation of that word said otherwise. He said in **59-0628E - "Questions And Answers" 172 88b.** *"Let's take 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.*

So the right interpretation to that he tells us five different ways to express what that word '*he*' means.

1. '*He*', William Branham defines as 'whoever it is'
2. '*He*' William Branham defines as 'Any man'
3. '*He*' William Branham defines as 'every believer'
4. '*He*' William Branham defines as in 'any man'
5. '*He*' William Branham defines as 'any believer'

So God doesn't need anyone to interpret his Word, and that is why He sends a prophet to show us the right interpretation is when it comes to pass.

So when he says, "See, here we are. The Light over the Word... As the light of the sun changes the seed from glory to glory, we also become more like Him as we live in His Presence, like Him, being conformed to His blessed image as we walk with Him. Watch what the sun does."

Notice that he is instructing us to take what is happening in the spiritual and then look to the natural principle to see how it works and then apply that same principle to the spiritual. And then he says, "As the light of the sun changes the seed," he says, "*so does our living in His Presence changes us from glory to glory, from image to image, until we are conformed to His very image as we walk with Him.*"

So what is he referring to here?

1 John 1:7 "*If you walk in the Light as He is IN the Light*"

And also **2 Corinthians 3:18** which he took for his text in this sermon. **18** *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass (a mirror with no traditions and creeds, and we are beholding the) the glory (doxa) of the Lord, are changed into the same image from doxa to doxa, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Now, remember this entire chapter is about when Moses had been in the presence of the lord for so long, that when he came down to the people his face glowed with the glory of God upon his face. So He is referencing here that our living in the presence of God will also cause the light of His presence to reflect upon us and to germinate the Gene seed of God in us, thus quickening us to become transformed by the renewing of our minds which is **Romans 12:2** and thus we are conformed to the image of the first born son which is **Romans 8:29**.

In his sermon **Evening Messenger 63-0116 155 42** brother Branham says, "*Jesus was trying to tell them that their excuses was what killed the prophets and what killed the righteous that come. They accepted their creeds that man had given them instead of taking the Word of God, and by doing so, had made the Word of God of no effect. Now, you've either got to say in this, that this is God's will and God's desire, or either something else that you can crop up that's better than what this is. Now, you have to take one or the other. You can't serve God and mammon. And you've got to say, "This is the Truth," or, "That's part of the Truth," or, "It isn't all the Truth," or, "It isn't put together right," or "It isn't interpreted right," And the Bible said that the Word of God is no private interpretation. No one else is supposed to put an interpretation to It; It's written just the way God wants It interpreted. Just what It says, that's what It's supposed to be. Just take It the way it's said, way It's wrote down here. Now, they accept their creeds. They make God's promises of no effect to them. They bypass that, just skip away from it.*

Ok, so with that in mind let's see what else brother Branham has to say about this **Light on the Word**, or **Light over the Word**, in order to get a better understanding of what he means by this. Therefore, to catch what his meaning is by this expression, we find another sermon where he uses the same language.

Now, as I said to understand what brother Branham means by this term Light over the Word, we should also examine other places where he used this phraseology.

So we see in his sermon **What shall we do with Jesus 64-0126 P:49** "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us, "the same yesterday, today, and forever". He was the same God that was in David. He was the same One that was in Moses. He was the same One was in all the apostles. And He's the same One that was in*

*Jesus Christ **to manifest Himself** there by that promised Word. And He's the same God today, **the same Word**, throwing **Light upon the Word** of the hour. God be merciful to us. Yes, sir. Believing **God to interpret Himself**, every Word to be vindicated. Yes, **He is His Own interpreter**.*

So we can see again his consistency in using this phrase or similar phrase of “**Light upon the Word**” to mean when God vindicates it and brings it to pass, then in effect God is interpreting His Written Word by bringing it to pass, and that manifestation of His Word is “**Light upon the Word**”, or “**Light over His Word**”, or “**Light on His Word**.”

And all three can be seen in the natural as the sun over, upon or on the seed brings the seed into manifestation of the life that is in it.

Brother Branham also said in his sermon, **Man that can Turn on the Light 63-1229M 36** *So life is only by the Word of God made manifest. **Life comes only by the Word of God made manifest**. As long as it is just in the Book like this, it still can be questioned; but **when it's made manifest, then you see the product of what It spoke of being manifested**; then that is “**Light on the Word**”. See? That's what brings... The Word said so, and **then when it comes to pass, that is Life in Light, Light bringing Life. Light brings life**. Plant the wheat out here, it'll... You put it in a basement, cover it all over, and it'll never bring forth anything, because it can't; **there's no light there. But as soon as light strikes it, then it'll bring forth life if it's a germitized seed**. That's the same thing it is in the Word. See, the Word is God, and when the **Light strikes It, it brings the Word to life again**. Every age has always been that.*

And then in pp. 74 he says, *Remember, we cannot live by yesterday's light. Yesterday's light is gone. It isn't no more. **Yesterday's light is only a memory**. Yesterday's sunlight is only a memory, or it's history. **We cannot live in yesterday's light**.*

And the same is with the **light on the Word** for Noah's Day or Moses day or even Jesus day, that light is gone, it's a history, and it is not a present day manifestation of a present day promise in this Word. That is why its not enough to claim the revelation of a day past. Justification is not enough, sanctification is not enough, and neither is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost enough, for in this day the baptizer has returned once again. Not to baptize us with His Spirit, but to bring us to a conforming to the first born son, and then manifest as sons.

That is why brother Branham goes on in **pp. 159** and says, “*Notice, what does it do? **It finally returns back to the original Seed again**. When He come in the form of Martin Luther, when He come in the form of John Wesley, when He come in the form of the Pentecostal, **He's supposed to reveal Himself again like the same Seed went in, the Son of man**. He revealed Hissself as **Son of God through the stalk age**, and so forth, but **in this last age He's to reveal Hissself as Son of man again**. Get it?*

160 *All right, like the beginning, **molded**. And what does that stalk grow? It's growing all the time. That little stalk grows; still it's not like the original grain: neither was Luther's message. No. Along come the other messages, Finney, Sankey, Knox, Calvin, on down, none of them; they were still the message; but what it was, **they didn't get the complete revelation of It 'cause it wasn't time**. You can't put the ear on the corn before it's time to come. See? Then finally **there comes back again the original Seed** that went into the ground.*

161 *See, **God follows nature exactly**. See?*

And so we see that God has returned in this hour of His great Parousia, and His light is now bringing us to a conformity with the same life that was in His first born son.

Colossians 3:4 *When Christ, **who is our life**, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. When Christ who is our **zoe** shall **phaneroo**, then shall ye also **phaneroo** with him in **doxa**.*

*When Christ who is our very Life, (**Galatians 2:20**) shall manifest in his true character, then shall we also manifest in our true character in the same opinions, values, and judgments.*

Why? Why do we manifest when he manifests? Because He is our Life, that is what he just told us.

And as I said that is **Galatians 2:20** *I am crucified with Christ yet I live, yet it is not me that is living, but rather it is Christ that is living in me, and the Life that I am now living in this flesh I am living by the same revelation that the first born son lived by.* I am a son of God, and I live like I am a son of God.

When Christ who is my very Life, shall manifest in his true character, then I shall also manifest in my true character in the same opinions, values, and judgments as he did because it is not I that is living but Christ is living in me, and by the same revelation that He lived, I also am living. And that is (**Galatians 2:20**)

John 14:19 *Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me:* (and that word see was translated from the Greek word “*theoreo*” which means *to perceive by experiencing*) *because I live, ye shall live also.* (again that is **Galatians 2:20** *it is not I that is living but Christ is living in me*)

20 *At that day ye shall know* (that word is ginosko, to experientially know. In that day you shall know by experiencing that) *that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.* **21** *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them,* (guards from loss) *he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself* (emphanizo to manifest in you) *to him.*

Now, the word “to” is not in the Greek, and was added by a 17th century translator. It should read, And I will manifest myself in you. (*en* meaning in, and *phanis* meaning o to manifest. That is exactly **Colossians 3:4** all over again. “*When Christ who is our life shall manifest in his true character so shall we manifest in our true character because it is actually His life manifesting in us.*”

And how does His Life manifest in us? That is what **John 14:12** is all about. If the Spirit of Christ is alive in you then you will think like he thinks, you will speak like He speaks, you will act like He acts and you will do the works that He did.

Now back to **John 14:22** *Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23* *Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

Now the word “with” was translated from the Greek word ‘*para*’ which *means figuratively), (with, at or in.* And therefore to make sure it lines up with what the other Scriptures tells us the word in him, should have been used and not with him. Not make our abode with him, and though we are separate but living together, but “in” him as God the Word and Jesus the manifested Word will come into him and make them their house or place of dwelling.

Now, I cannot give you this what I am talking about, but you can receive it as a personal promise to you and receive it into your heart, and then God is obligated to his promise to manifest it in you. But if you do not believe it is for you then it isn’t. You see, that is where faith comes in which is revelation. If you truly believe it is a promise for you then claim it and God (The Word) will manifest Himself in you just as Jesus Promised.

And that is what Paul called the hope of glory as we see in **Colossians 1:27** “*To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:*”

Let me read this from the Bible called **The Message 26-29** “*This mystery has been kept in the dark for a long time, but now it’s out in the open. God wanted everyone, not just Jews, to know this rich and glorious secret inside and out, regardless of their background, regardless of their religious standing. The mystery in a nutshell is just this: Christ is in you, so therefore you can look forward to sharing in God’s glory. It’s that simple. That is the substance of our Message. We preach Christ, warning people not to add to the Message. We teach in a spirit of profound common sense so that we can bring each person to maturity. To be mature is to be basic. Christ! No more, no less. That’s what I’m working so hard at day after day, year after year, doing my best with the energy God so generously gives me.*”

The **Passion Bible** version **Colossians 1:27** *Living within you is the Christ who floods you with the expectation of glory! This mystery of Christ, embedded within us, becomes a heavenly treasure chest of hope filled with the riches of glory for his people, and God wants everyone to know it!*

Turn on the light 64-0125 P:13 *Nothing can live, natural or spiritual, without His Light, and His Word is Light and Life. But when He sends His Light and makes It known to the people, and then It is rejected, then what about that? That's what we want to talk about this morning is: rejecting this Light, by them It's sent to, rejected just like it was then. "Behold My servant, in Whom I have delighted in." He's a Light to the Gentiles. He's a Light to the world. He was the Light of the world, but He was rejected. That's the sad part. And it meets that condition every time that God manifests His Light, the world itself rejects that Light. Why? It's written right in the Bible. Each age, God has 'lotted so much of His Word for each age, and He always sends somebody to manifest that Word.*

Man that can turn on the Light - 63-1229 1M *There's nothing can give you Life but the Spoken Word of God. Life only comes by Light.*

So we see that the manifesting of Himself to us, (The Light upon the Word is the manifestation of the Word to us) and it **brings revelation to us of Himself**, for God interprets His own Word by bringing it to pass. But even more importantly than that, is the fact that we have this great promise that *when He shall manifest in His True character so shall we manifest in our true character.*

That is why I believe that if the Word of God is being truly presented in an open and unhidden manner, you cannot hide if you tried. And when that Word is presented in such a way you will manifest who you are and you will make known the council of your heart, and you will not escape it for as surely as light makes manifest in the natural, what life is in the seed, so too the light of Glorious presence coming forth from a vessel that is perfectly reflecting that Light, will most assuredly cause all that sit under that ministry or come in contact with that ministry whether they are with it or against it, they to become exposed as to just what they are. And those who do not like what they see in their self, will not stay around to receive more exposing of their self.

So we see that it takes the presence of the Pillar of Fire to bring the Seed of God to life. Why? Because that seed is God's word, but as brother Branham said, unless the light strikes it, it will stay dormant. No life expression as a result. But when the Light strikes it, that seed cannot help but to come alive. Why?, because Light makes manifest.

Look, when the Pillar of Fire come into Moses presence, it sparked him to Life. He became a different man altogether. **When the Light of God's Glorious presence came into the Presence of the Apostle Paul, he became alive to the Word.** And the word seed came alive in Him. **When the Pillar of Fire came into the Presence of William Branham, what happened? He came alive to the Word, and the word Life came alive in Him.** Up to that point when the pillar of fire came into the presence of these men, they all three would be murderers. Moses killed a man. Paul killed and persecuted the Christians, and William Branham had it not been for the sovereign Grace of God would have killed those three boys when he was beaten by them as a young child. And notice until the Pillar of Fire came into their presence, they were all just men, born in sin, shaped in iniquity, and come to the world speaking lies. But then **the Light struck them and that predestinated seed that had laid dormant in them became quickened and made alive.** The Apostle Paul said, **Ephesians 2: 1** *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;* and this same Apostle said in **Colossians 3: 4** *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

Why cry speak 63-0714M P:47 *I don't care what you've done. You might've been religious all your life. You might've lived in the church. Your father may be a minister, or your husband might be a minister; but as long as you disobey the Word of God, it shows there's no Light there. When you see the thing brought out and the Life of the Holy Spirit, **watch It when it strikes others**. See what they do. If It brings it on them... no wonder... What a rebuke to those Pharisees that called Jesus, when He could perceive their thoughts, he called Him Beelzebub, and that little prostitute said, "**Why, this Fellow is the Messiah. The***

Scriptures says He'll do this.” See? That predestinated seed was laying there, and when the Light struck it, it come to Life. See? You can't keep it down, you can't hide Life. You can pour concrete upon a bunch of grass and kill it in the wintertime. The next spring where is your most grass at? Right around the edge of the concrete, 'cause that germitized seed under that stone, when the sun begins to shine, you can't hold it. It'll wiggle its way around through there and come right out at the edge of that and stick its head up to the glory of God. See, you can't hide life.

John 3:18 *He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

Rather than light, rather than, the word rather means in a greater measure. You would rather do this than this. It is used to make a comparison, and so they would rather their darkness than light. So they reject the light in favor of their darkness. That is why they can have their religion and still reject the light, the Revealed Word.

20 *For every one that doeth evil hates the light, neither will come to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.*

They will not come to the light lest their deeds will be exposed by the light as to their true nature.

Paul said in **Ephesians 5:13** *But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.*

John 3:21 *But he that doeth truth* (not talks it, but lives it. Brother Branham said don't preach me a sermon, show me a sermon,. *he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.*

And that means they have their source in God, because John tells us in **1 John 2:29** *If ye know that He (God) is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.*

And again in **1 John 3:7** he says “*Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.*”

Not him that talks the word is righteous, but *he that doeth the word, he that walks in the light*, not him that talks of the light. And talk is cheap, because anyone can say the right thing, but **it takes the Light upon the seed to bring the seed to life**, to manifestation.

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

Man that can turn on light 63-1229M P:36 *All life... So life is only by the Word of God made manifest. Life comes only by the Word of God made manifest. As long as it is just in the Book like this, it still can be questioned; but when it's made manifest, then you see the product of what It spoke of being manifested; then that is Light on the Word. See? That's what brings... The Word said so, and then when it comes to pass, that is Life in Light, Light bringing Life. Light brings life. Plant the wheat out here, it'll... You put it in a basement, cover it all over, and it'll never bring forth anything, because it can't; there's no light there. But as soon as light strikes it, then it'll bring forth life if it's a germitized seed. That's **the same thing it is in the Word**. See, **the Word is God, and when the Light strikes It, it brings the Word to life again. Every age has always been that.** Notice in **Ephesians 4** Paul tells us that **we are to walk in it, Ephesians 4:1** *I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, (He says you've go to walk it, w.a.l.k. worthy of it. As becometh or in an appropriate manner. It means to live it, live what you preach. Live the life. There is a life that we are called to. It's not a profession from your mouth, but a confession from your Life. So how do you live it?**

2 Thessalonians 1:10-12 **10** *When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.*
11 *Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:*
12 *That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Let us pray