

Unveiling of God no 24
God's nature never changes

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Malachi 3:6 *For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*

Hebrews 13:8 *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.*

This morning we will look at paragraphs number **48** and **49** of brother Branham's sermon **The Unveiling of God** where he talks about how we change in our vessels as we age we go from young boy to adult man, and then when we have children of our own and then grandchildren, and he shows how we change in our nature but yet maintain the same body only that body changes and gets older. Yet God is Spirit and therefore never changes, yet he has revealed himself through the ages from vessel to vessel and from veil to veil, but his nature never changes although he changes vessels to make himself known at different times.

48 Like I change from husband when my child is born, then I'm father. When my grandchild is born, I'm grandfather. See? But I don't change. It's still me. See? And that's God. It's just I change my... See, it's just change your form. See? Notice, and nature changes it down from a young man to a middle-aged, to an old man. And there you are (You see?), you just change your form. Now, you couldn't say a little fellow stand up here, sixteen years old, say he was grandfather. He couldn't be; his form has to be changed. A few years changes it, then he becomes grandpa. See what I mean? But it's the same Person all the time, the same Person, God all the time. In this way He reveals Himself to His people in doing this. Notice, through the age of the Pillar of Fire He revealed Himself to His people. In the age of Jesus He revealed Himself to His people. In the age of the Holy Spirit, as Son of God, Son of David... He always reveals Himself in that manner to His people, making the people to know Him. He's veiled behind something, notice, in the same way or same nature, every time.

49 God veiled in Jesus to do the work of redemption at the cross... God could not die as a Spirit; He's the Eternal. But He had to put on a mask and act the part of death. He did die, but He couldn't do it in His God form. He had to do it in Son form, as Son of man on earth. See? He had to be Son form. Then when He returned on Pentecost, He was Son of God again. You see what I mean? Get the idea? He was...

Notice brother Branham is using an illustration here of how we change in our vessel as we get older and change in our roles. Yet it is the same person all the way from son to father to grandfather. And he says God does that also, yet in his nature he never changes.

James 1:13 *Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. 16 Do not err, my beloved*

brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Now, notice that James tells us here two things concerning God. #1) He says, *with whom is no variableness*. That means **that God does not vary** from one thing to the next because He is *the unchanging God. Mal 3:6 I am God and I change Not. Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the Same Yesterday, today and forever.*

Then if God changes not, then **His Word cannot change**, and **neither can His Laws**, and then neither can what is right and what is wrong. **Right is Right because God said so**, and **wrong is wrong because God said so**. Your trying to justify a thing means nothing in the eyes of the judge. Did not Abraham say to God, *Shall not the Judge of all the earth do Right?*

Therefore as James points out, **With God there are no variations**, nor is there anything shady. And this *shadow of turning* simply means a shadow that is cast by someone moving over another. In other words **a moving shadow**, or **a turning shadow**. The Sun casts a shadow in one direction, and the shadow cannot bend itself to cover in a direction the Sun does not cast itself upon. And neither can the Word bend and move to a different place than what it was intended for. God's Word is not a moving target, it is the same and changes not.

Jesus said in **Matthew 7:13** *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

From Br. Branham's sermon **Queen Of Sheba 61-0119E 58** he said, *"Now, what kind of a light would it give? If that was the first sunlight that shined on the eastern people, which is S-o-n of God, and He did the things He did there on that day on Alpha, He does the same thing at Omega."*

Here, we see brother Branham tell us that what God did in the first age He must repeat in the last. Now, **why would God do the same at the first and the last?** Because if He is the unchanging God. *He cannot change*. Then, if *God cannot change*, what He did back then at the first, He must do again at the last. And how Did God do it in the Alpha? He came down while Jesus was standing in the water and said, *"This is my beloved Son In Whom I am pleased to dwell."* And who is this God? **John 1:1** , *He is the Word!* And a few years later while up in the mountain, that same voice spoke out again and said, *"This is my Beloved Son, hear ye Him."*

What the people in this Message do not understand is whose voice it was. If they understood whose voice it was they would not be squabbling over who has the rights to publish the message. The problem is they do not understand whose voice it was. And brother Branham said they can't even get to first base until they know whose voice was speaking.

When God appeared to the Prophets, they were never in awe as to the form or shape God used to appear to them, and they never questioned God's use of a form or shape either.

He appeared in a Cloud, and a Pillar of Fire, and the rock in the Wilderness, and the Burning bush, and even in a still small voice. He appeared in dreams and in visions, and in a wheel within a wheel, and even as brother Branham is telling us in his sermon **Who is this Melchisedec**, He appeared in the form of a man, in a theophany. But no matter how God appeared to them, **the prophets of God all had one thing in common**. They perfectly understood that **God is a sovereign God**, and they knew no matter what the shape or form, it was God with the same nature they were dealing with. Therefore they were not so much concerned with what vessel or vail God hid behind, because they got their eyes off the vessel and focused rather on the Message God was bringing to them. Therefore, their focus was on what God was there to tell them. That was their focus. Not the form, but what the Message.

From his sermon **WHO IS THIS MELCHISEDEC pp. 101** brother Branham said, "*The Word came to the prophet. See, there was God in a theophany, and the Bible said the Word comes to the prophet. And here was the Word in the theophany... Now, you say, "Was that God?" Abraham said it was. He said His name was, He called Him **Elohim**. Now, in **Genesis 1** you find out, "*In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth.*" In **Genesis 18** we find out that Abraham called this Person that set there and talked to him, and could tell him the secrets of his heart, tell him what Sarah was thinking behind Him, Abraham said, "*It is Elohim.*" He was in a theophany form. You get it?*

Now, brother Branham is speaking here of God, '**Elohim**', the very Creator himself coming down to earth to speak to Abraham, his Prophet. before this, brother Branham mentioned the same thing about God appearing to Moses. Moses wanted to see God, and God said, OK, but only on my terms. The prophets of God understood perfectly that there is only One God, but This One God was capable of appearing to them in many different ways. In fact, the Apostle Paul tells us the same thing in **Hebrews** chapter 1.

Hebrews 1:1 ¶ *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets."*

Now, the point that should be made here is that God appeared to the prophets first and delivered His message to them, and then these men came to the fathers to declare what God had already shown them.

In **The First Seal 63-0318#34) 126-3 {61}** brother Branham said, "*The angel of the Church catches the mystery of God, not fully yet revealed, but when he does, he catches this mystery of God, and then he goes forth to the people (after the mystery has been given to him), goes forth to the people. What does he do out there? He begins to proclaim that message, and what does it start? A war, a spiritual war.*

Now, the angel to the church is small "a" which means messenger. So when the Messenger catches the mystery, it is only after he has caught it and it is revealed to him that he can then take it to the people. So the people never see the vessel, and really it's not important because all they see is the prophet as a vessel they know is from God because God has vindicated His ministry.

Therefore what is important is not the vessel nor the prophet as a veil God is speaking to the people through, but what is important is the Message, and the message is always Christ. God revealing His Personal Presence to us.

Notice, **Hebrews 1:1** ¶ *God, who at sundry times*". The Greek word Paul uses concerning this *sundry times*, is the Greek word **Polumeros**, which is a compound word consisting of the words, **polus**, and **meros**. The word **polus** is the word which we get our prefix "**poly**" from. And everyone knows **poly** means **many**. We use the word **poly** as in **polygamy**, to speak of having more than one wife, and also in the word **polygon** to show it has many sides etc.

The other half of this compound word is **meros**, which means: **in part, or in a measure, or to some degree.**

As Paul continues he tells us that *God*, not only *spoke to them at sundry times, or various different times*, but he continued with *and in diverse manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets*,

Now, I don't think the words **diverse manners**, is too difficult for us to understand what he is saying. The Greek word Paul used here is again a compound word with the same prefix "**polus**", which means many, and is joined to the word **tropos**, which means: **manner, conversation, or ways.**

Therefore, we can see that Paul is showing us that, ***no matter how many different ways that God appeared to His prophets and spoke to them, they still knew they were in the Presence of the One true God*** and their focus was not on the form God used to get the message across to them, but rather their focus was on the Message itself.

In his sermon **God is Identified by His Characteristics 64-0311 86** brother Branham reading from **Hebrews 1** said, *"God, in sundry times, by the prophets, identified Himself. And in the last days identified Himself through the Son," making Him Hebrews 13:8, "the same yesterday, today, and forever."* Notice, ***God in sundry time, spake to Moses. And now, and remember, He identified Himself by a Light, Pillar of Fire in a burning bush. That's how He did it in sundry times. And He spake to Moses. And that Light, what did It do? It produced the characteristic of God; It spoke the Word, "I heard the moans of My people down in Egypt. I have seen their groans and heard their cries, and I remember My Word. I would come down, a Pillar of Fire, a Light, to go and to deliver the people. I'm sending you, Moses."***

Now, what I want us to see in this is that no matter what veil, or form, or visage God used to speak to His Prophets, they all understood "**Who**" it was that they were talking too.

The important thing for us to remember is that the focus of these ordained called men was **not on the form, nor was it on the vessel** in which God appeared, but **their focus was on the Message that God brought**, for He is the Word.

Now, we find a basic principle in the book of **Malachi** concerning this One God, who has appeared and spoken to the prophets in many different ways, and that main principle or main attribute of this One God, is that ***He does not change.***

As we have already read in **Malachi 3:6**, "*For I [am] the LORD, I change not;*"

And again we read earlier this morning from **Hebrews 13:8** "*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.*"

Now, the problem that we have among us in this message is that many and in fact most who claim to believe the Message of Brother Branham, do not understanding what he said concerning **the Godhead** and therefore they try to attribute **Hebrews 13:8** to be speaking of **the Son of God**, and not **the God of the Son** who lived in and performed through the Son the same things he did in the Old Testament to the prophets.. This is error as you will see by the next couple quotes I will read.

Pillar Of Fire 53-0509 E-74 "*Now, if I be God's prophet and Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever, that same Pillar of Fire that led the children through the wilderness came upon the Son of God and led Him and He claimed **He could do nothing but what the Father showed Him**, then He's the same One today. Is that right?"*

And from his sermon **To Whom Shall We Go 60-0604 E-62** brother Branham said, "*Now, **God**, this is in Your hands now. The rest belongs to You, for we know that man cannot do these things. It has to come from You. Please, **Father**, tonight, for the benefit of the people that's setting here, for the glory of the Gospel, let it be done tonight, **Father; that the people might know that You still remain Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.**"*

So you see the one he is speaking to is God, who is the Father and William Branham tells us this same God and Father is the one who changes not. So he is not speaking of the son of God but rather the God of the Son.

And from his sermon **GOD IDENTIFYING HIMSELF 64-0320 E-48** Brother Branham said, "*Therefore **Hebrews 1:1** **God in sundry times by the prophets identified Himself; in this last days has identified the resurrection of His Son from the dead by giving the church the same characteristic that He had, making Hebrews 13:8 exactly right.***

Then **Hebrews 13:8** not only speaks of God in His son, but God in Sons. Therefore the main focus is not on the son of God nor on the sons of God but on God Himself.

And that is why **John 14:12** is not on us *for without him we can do nothing*. Therefore it is not about the vessel but it is all about God who is using the vessel.

Now, in the Old Testament (**Malachi 3:6**) it plainly says, "*For I am **THE LORD**, I change not.*" The Word **Lord** used here is the Hebrew word, **Jehovah**, and speaks of the **Existing One, the Eternal One**.

Therefore it does not speak of the Son of God, for we have many scriptures and quotes from God's end-time vindicated prophet that speak of the Son of God as one who went through various changes. But God himself cannot change.

As you all know, there are eight major statements Brother Branham made concerning the Godhead, and many more by the likes of the Apostles Paul, John, and Peter, as well as Irenaeus. Even our Lord Jesus, the Only Begotten Son of God declared Himself to be different from His Father as well.

Now, to avoid taking too much time let me just read a few of these quotes.

"Jesus could not been His own father. If He was, then He was a... Well, how could He been His own father?" Wm Branham 128 HEBREWS CPT. 4 141-126 -- 57-0901.2E

Now, the reason that there's a difference between God and Jesus: Jesus had a beginning, God had no beginning; 25 HEBREWS Chapter 7, Part 1HEB 292-25 -- 57-0915.2E

*Jehovah Jireh 56-0429 053 "That's the reason people couldn't understand Him. Sometime it was Christ speaking... or was the Son speaking. Other times it was the Father speaking. **He was a dual Person.** He was one Man, the Son. **God was in, which was tabernacling in Him.** But what did He do? Did He go around saying, "I'm the Healer." Very contrary, He said, "I'm not the Healer." He said, "It isn't Me that doth the works; it's My Father that dwelleth in Me." And in Saint John the 19th chapter when He was questioned for passing a whole bunch of crippled, lame, withered, halt, blind people, healed one man laying on a pallet, the Father showed Him to go there and heal. Walked away and left the rest of them laying there, they questioned Him. A man packing his bed on the sabbath. Listen to what He said. Saint John 5:19: "Verily, verily, I say unto you: **The Son can do nothing in Himself, but what he sees the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise.**" Is that what He said? "I do nothing till the Father shows Me a vision first what to do."*

Notice that brother Branham makes the statement as did Jesus, that **Jesus could do nothing, until the Father showed Him what to do.** Now, this does not sound like someone who changes not.

Hebrews 5:8 *Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience (to come under subjection) by the things which he suffered;*

Hebrews 9 *And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;* (the word learn means to increase ones knowledge, and the word obedience shows submission). He learned to come under subjection.

In this statement from the Book of **Hebrews** the Apostle Paul makes several statements about the relationship the Son of God had with His Father.

#1) The **Son of God could learn** which means **He was not Omniscient as God is Omniscient and Knows all things.** Now, if the son of God was God, then how could he increase in anything.

God is all knowing yet in **Matthew 24:36 Jesus said, But of that day and hour knoweth no [man], no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only,** showing The Son did not possess **Omniscience.** But God cannot change as we saw in **Malachi 3:6** and **Hebrews 13:8.**

#2) **He was obedient to the Father.** Now, if he was the Father this statement would be a total misapplication of the language, and totally inappropriate.

#3) He was **made perfect**. If He could be become perfect, or complete and fully mature, then He wasn't that way to begin with. God cannot change. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

I Corinthians 15:28 *And when all things shall be subdued unto him (the Son), then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him (God the Father) that put all things under him (The Son), that God may be all in all.*

#4) The Son of God **increased in his Knowledge of God**: **Luke 2:40** *And the child grew, and waxed (increased and became) strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature,(maturity) and in favor(knowledge and influence) with God and man.* Jesus made progress in the things in which he grew. He grew in Wisdom, he grew in maturity and he grew in the influence and knowledge of God.

#5) The Son of God **increased in favor with God**: verse **52** is a total oxymoron if he is God. How could God grow in wisdom and favor with Himself?

Now, let's look at Jesus own Words as he describes His relationship between Himself and his Father.

#6) Jesus was dependent upon **the will of His Father**.

Hebrews 10:7 ¶ *Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. 8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and [offering] for sin thou would not, neither had pleasure [therein]; which are offered by the law; 9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He takes away the first, that he may establish the second.10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

#7) Jesus **could not do anything unless the Father showed Him first**.

John 5:19 *Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, (then he can not create, he can not save, he can not heal, he can not redeem,) but what he sees the Father do: for what things so ever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. 20 For the Father loveth the Son, and shows him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.*

John 5:30 *I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. 31 ¶ If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. 32 There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesses of me is true.*

Notice that the Son could not even bear witness of Himself. And why is that? Because the witness is the vindication, and he needed God to show the people that he was indeed with Him.

#8) Jesus was **dependent on the Father for His doctrine as well**.

John 7:16 *Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. 17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I*

speak of myself. 18 He that speaketh of himself seeks his own glory: but he that seeks his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

#9) Jesus called God His Father and showed the difference between the two.

***JOHN 20:17** Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and [to] my God, and your God.*

#10) Jesus was dependent upon God to raise Him up. This is not the Existing One.

***Acts 2:32** This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.*

***Acts 4:10** Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, [even] by him doth this man stand here before you*

***Acts 13:30** But God raised him from the dead:*

#11) The Son receives Life from the Father ***John 5:26** For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;*

Now, that we have shown to you that Hebrews 13;8 does not speak of the Son of God, but the God who indwelt that Son, let's look again to the Word of God to examine this thought of the unchanging God.

***Revelation 1:8** I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. 9 ¶I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, 11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last:*

***Revelation 21:6** And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

Notice the One Speaking tells us He is God, for there is but One God.

***Revelation 22:12** And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*

Now, this Bible Doctrine that deals with the principle of an Unchanging God is purely the most important revelation we can receive from God. In fact brother Branham "***It is the Greatest of all revelations***" and again he said, "***it is the first thing you have to know,***" because it concerns the **Supreme Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ**. And he further said, the Alpha and Omega of God, knowing God changes not, "***is the first of all revelations.***" And then he told us why, He said, ***You must know Who He is so that you might recognize His voice when you hear it.***

From his sermon **Patmos Vision 69-130 60-1204E 143 076** brother Branham said, "*In the Spirit on the Lord's day...*" Now, we hear it. Now, what? And what was he done? He was transferred from the isle now, *in the Spirit, over into the Lord's day*. And as soon as he got over into the Lord's day, he heard a trumpet. What is it? It's Somebody approaching. A great One's approaching. Trumpet sounds, Somebody's coming. He looked. Hallelujah. ... trumpet, Saying, ***I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last:***... (Hm. Not announcement of the second party, or the third party, but the **only** party. "***I'm both Alpha and Omega;*** before I show you anything, I want to let you know Who I am." Amen.) **The greatest of all the revelations is the Deity, the Supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ.** You can't get to first base until you believe that, walk out... That's what Peter said, "Repent, and then see the Deity. *Be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and then you're ready to go in the Spirit.*" ***The first thing you have to know is the Deity of Christ. "I am Alpha and Omega. I'm from A to Z; there's no more but Me. I was at the beginning; I'll be at the end. I'm He that was, which is, and shall come, the Almighty.***" Think of it. That's what the trumpet said.

145 077 Be careful John. You've entered into the Spirit. Something's going to be revealed to you. **What is it?** A trumpet sound, ***the first thing, "I'm Alpha and Omega."*** **The first of all revelations.** (Oh, sinner, bow, repent now before the time's too late.) "***I'm Alpha and Omega.***" That's the first thing that He let him know Who He was. (Who's this approaching? Is this King Jesus? King God? King Holy Ghost?) He said, "***I'm all of It. I'm from A to Z. I'm the Beginning and the Ending.*** I'm the immortal, eternal One." Just a little later we watch Him in His sevenfold Personage, watch what He is then. See? "***I am the Beginning and the End. I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. I was before there was a first; and after there's no more last, I'll still be there,***" in other words, "***The First and the Last.***" ... and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send... to the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.

147 078 **All right, the first of all revelations is the Supreme Deity of Jesus Christ. You must know Who He is when you hear the voice** (All right.), ***the same voice that sounded on Mount Sinai, the same voice that sounded on Mount Transfiguration, the same One, One like the Son of man.*** Now, watch in this next verse. All right. And I turned... (the 12th chapter now) We're going to leave these churches alone just for a minute, because this whole week coming on these churches. See, so we're just going to pass over that. But He said, "These... I'm going to direct you to send this message that I show you." Who is? "***I'm the First and the Last. I'm the Supreme One. I'm the Almighty One. And I've come to tell you that I'm giving you a message to seven churches. I want you to write it, get it ready.***" See? "***And the seven churches that are in Asia...***" Now, they were churches there then with the nature in them that represented these church ages to come.

Now, why would brother Branham use such strong language as to say things like,

"I'm both Alpha and Omega; before I show you anything, I want to let you know Who I am." Amen.) The greatest of all the revelations is the Deity, the Supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. You can't get to first base until you believe that,

The first thing you have to know is the Deity of Christ. "I am Alpha and Omega. I'm from A to Z; there's no more but Me. I was at the beginning; I'll be at the end. I'm He that was, which is, and shall come, the Almighty."

The first of all revelations is the Supreme Deity of Jesus Christ. You must know Who He is when you hear the voice (All right.), the same voice that sounded on Mount Sinai, the same voice that sounded on Mount Transfiguration, the same One,

Now, these quotes tell us that *the Alpha and Omega* principle is the most important principle for us to Know. We've already seen that this principle deals with the very essence of the Lord Jesus Christ and Who He really is. And knowing that *He is the same yesterday, today and forever*, and as we read in **Malachi 3:6** *"I am the Lord, and I change not.* And this speaks of *the One true God.*" It does not matter what vessel God has used in the past, what matters is that God Himself who is the one that is doing it.

Now, the striking thing is that brother Branham said, *"we won't know what to do with His Voice if we do not recognize who He really is.* Therefore, #1) in order to understand the day and hour in which we live, #2) in order to be able to recognize what is being done in the hour which we live, #3) we must know Him. And He described Himself to John on the Isle of Patmos with the words, *"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end., the Almighty!"* Notice he never said he was the in-between, He said he was the first and the last.

The Masterpiece 64-0705 172 *The Alpha and Omega is the same. He said, "I am Alpha and Omega." He never said 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."*

Again notice how brother Branham points out that *He was the first and the last*, but not the in between. He said, *the Alpha has become Omega.* Then he said *the first Message and the last Message must be the same.*

This is because *Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever.* And **if the Message is the Revelation of Jesus Christ**, then it is the revelation of Who He is, and if He has changed, then the first and last Message would have to be different. Also, this lets us know that **since the first Message and last Message are the same**, and that Message was a revealing of Who was in our midst, then we must surely know that the last Message must also be a declaration of *the One Who is here.* And if He is here, then He must perform the same way and do the same things that He did back there. Again in the next quote we will hear brother Branham reaffirm this same thought that the ministry must repeat in this hour.

Queen Of Sheba 61-0119E E-58 *Now, what kind of a light would it give? If that was the first sunlight that shined on the eastern people, which is S-o-n of God, and He did the things He did there on that day on Alpha, He does the same thing at Omega.*

Here, we see brother Branham tell us that what **God did in the first age** He must **repeat in the last**.

Now, why would God do the same in the first and the last? Because if He is the unchanging God. He cannot change. Then, if God cannot change, what He did back then at the first, He **must** do again at the last. He is obligated to do the same. And how Did God do it in the Alpha? He came down while Jesus was standing in the water and said, "**This is my beloved Son In Whom I am pleased to dwell.**" And who is this God? **John 1:1** tells us **The Word is God!** And a few years later while up in the mountain, that same voice spoke out again and said, "**This is my Beloved Son, hear ye Him.**"

What the people in this Message do not understand is whose voice it was. If they understood whose voice it was they would not be squabbling over who has the rights to publish the message. The problem is they do not understand whose voice it was. And brother Branham said they can't even get to first base until they know whose voice was speaking. And they would not be calling His presence a false doctrine, and they would not place the emphasis on William Branham but on the message itself which is Christ.

As Brother Branham himself said,

Anointed ones at end time 65-0725M P:193 *Now, I want you to know this is sure. And you that listen to this tape, you might have thought today that I was trying to say that about myself, being that I was packing this Message. **I have no more to do with it than nothing, no more than just a voice. And my voice, even against my better judgment... I wanted to be a trapper. But it's the will of my Father that I declare to do, and determined to do. I wasn't the One that appeared down on the river; I was only standing there when He appeared. I'm not the One that performs these things and foretells these things that happens as perfect as they are; I'm only one that's near when He does it. I was only a voice that He used to say it. It wasn't what I knew; it's what I just surrendered myself to, that He spoke through. It isn't me. It wasn't the seventh angel, oh, no; it was a manifestation of the Son of man. It wasn't the angel, his Message; it was the mystery that God unfolded. It's not a man; it's God. The angel was not the Son of man; he was a messenger from the Son of man. The Son of man is Christ. He's the One that you're feeding on. You're not feeding on a man. A man, his words will fail, but you're feeding on the unfailing Body-Word of the Son of man. If you haven't fed fully on every Word to give yourself strength to fly above all these denominations and things of the world, will you at this time do it, while we pray?***

Now, that sounds to me like William Branham was telling us to get our eyes off the vessel and on to the One Who is using the vessel. and it seems to me he is saying get your eyes off the vessel and onto the message. Because it is all about the message itself. And the Message is Christ.

Queen of Sheba 58-0125 E-50 *Christ is here giving His last message to the Gentiles as He promised. And **it's going by the heads of the people, and they do not recognize it. That's the sad part.***

Now, I didn't say that, but God's prophet surely did. So please don't get angry with me when I tell you most people have no clue what the message is. You just heard brother Branham say it.

Time Of Decision 59-0418 E-94 *We believe the Messenger. **The Messenger is the Holy Ghost.***

Investments 63-0803B 107 **Not me**; *I'm your brother, fellow servant with you. But **the Messenger is the Holy Spirit expressing Himself through** a human being, the Church that Christ sanctified for this very purpose.*

Events Made Clear by Prophecy 65-0801E 20 *The Pharisees looked back to see what Moses said, and they said, "We have Moses. We don't know whence Thou comest." But remember, when Moses here, they didn't know whence he cometh. See? And now, they... No wonder Jesus said to them, "You garnish the tombs of the prophets, and you are the one that put them in there." After their message is gone... A message goes through, the people see it, they make fun of it (the world does). And then **after the messenger is finished and the message is done, then they build a denomination upon the message.** And there they die right there, never come to life again.*

And I think one of the best quotes I have read is where brother Branham said if the people are just coming to see me they are still lost in their sins.

From his sermon **Invasion of the USA 54-0509 P:46** he said, *I, sometimes I think of **my ministry**, and see people come. And I'd get in a hotel room, say, "God, who's the people coming to see, **me** or **You**?" See? "**If they're coming to see me, they're lost yet**; but, O God, tear me down and **take me away**. I want to represent You, the One Who'll stand before someday with trembling hands and trembling, feeble body, looking at You, knowing that **my soul hangs by Your decision.**" **Let us exalt Christ.***

Trying to do God a Service 65-1127B 212 *The Elijah of this day is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is to come according to **Luke 17:30**. It... The Son of man is to reveal Himself among His people: **not a man, God.** But it'll come through a prophet.*

Birth Pains 65-0124 29-3 ***The Word must produce the Bride.** But the old system has to keep its type; **it has to produce a Esau who sold his birthright.** Here it comes; I feel it. I hope you don't think I'm crazy, but if I am, let me alone. I feel good this a-way. I'm better this way than I was the other way. I may be crazy to the world, but I know where I'm at. I know where I'm standing. Look, **it's going to produce a stillborn baby**, an ecclesiastical system that's going to bring all the denominations together to produce a Esau that hates Jacob. Amen. I hope you see it. A stillborn, dead denomination, all of them going together... Oh, Word believers, give in to my Message. Hear me. **Not my Message but His Message that He firmly declares to be the Truth...** You've got to choose from somewhere. You can't set still after this. You've got to make your choice.*

End Time Evangelism 62-0603 71 *Now, we're in the evening time. And the messengers down through the age... We find out that at the beginning when a messenger was sent, to misconstrue His Word or to doubt one Word, it was total annihilation and eternal separation*

from God, to misconstrue that messenger's Word. And the first Messenger was **God Himself**. And every other messenger has been **God** speaking through man since, which is **God's Word**, for there's no man then for Him to speak through but just the one He was talking to. But since He's made man and redeemed man, it's been God speaking through man. He uses not the agency of any mechanical device, but the agency of man, a man that's surrendered and consecrated to God.

Notice he said God doesn't use mechanical devices, he uses men. Now, that's a hot one so I'm just going to leave it up between you and God to understand what he said there and apply it to the day in which you live..

God in Simplicity 63-0317M 29-2 {167 *God won't leave His program. That's the reason we know that this day, it's got to be simple. See? Now, He always works in simplicity. But God in the beginning that could've made the sun preach the Gospel, or the winds preach the Gospel, or an Angel preach the Gospel, but He ordained men for that purpose, and He never changes it. He never ordained denominations; He never ordained groups of men; He ordained men to preach the Gospel, not machinery, mechanical devices, or any angelic being; it was man. And when He brought deliverance to the people down there, He sent a simple human being, born of a simple family in a bunch of slaves. Oh, my, what a God He is, unfolding Himself in simplicity.*

Is Your Life Worthy 63-0630E 128 *A Christian is not a tool or some kind of a mechanical wrench* to a great big religious regime. That's right. *A Christian's not some kind of a tool* that keeps a religious organization moving. A Christian... That is not a Christian. *A Christian is to be Christ-like*. And *a Christian cannot be a Christian until Christ comes into the man, the Life of Christ in him*. Then it produces *the Life that Christ lived*, and *you do the things that Christ did*. What am I talking about? **Personal relationship to Christ**. What is it? Is your life worthy of the Gospel? Now, I'm trying to lay that background there to show you that men and women who were renowned women...

World Again Falling Apart 63-1127 84 *That's what the self-styled church needs today, humble itself back again. Got to a place, there's no confession and there's no love among the people. It seems like it's dying daily. Church is cooling off. Everywhere, you find the revival's over, and you find a cooling off. We need a humiliating. And we... They asked for a general and got a Lamb. Why? God knew what they needed. That's what they needed. They needed a Saviour. They thought they was saved, but God knew they wasn't. And that's what the world needs today again, is a Saviour, a Saviour of this condition, something that can hold it together, not a educated regime, some kind of a mechanical system, or some kind of an educational system. What we need is the power of the Lord Jesus Christ, and saving grace back in the church again, when men, women, boys, and girls can be saved. Have we waited too long? Is there many out that will never come in? Has the last name been redeemed? Is that what's the matter today? It could be, you know. You know, it could easily be, and never interrupt the Scriptures at all. It could be. So we don't know now; let's be careful.*

Greater Than Solomon Is Here 62-0725 E-13 Now, you see, before you put anything in print you've got to be able to prove it. See? You can say it. That's all right, 'cause you can deny it. But when you put it in print, you better have it right.

Jesus Christ The Same 62-0718 E-42 I believe that this Bible, this Word right here, the Bible, is God in print form. And I believe that the Bible is a seed. Those words are seeds. Jesus said **a sower went forth sowing seeds.** This is it. **The Word of God is a Seed.** Jesus said it was. Then, if it is God in print form, and you receive It into your heart, and then the Holy Spirit waters that Seed, it brings forth what it's promised. Any kind of a seed you sow, it'll bring forth that kind of a crop. Exactly right. We've sowed in this great revival going by a lot of intellectual seed. We've got a intellectual crop. That's right. **If we would sow Gospel Seed, we'd have a Gospel crop.** And we need to get back to the principles, and the Bible teachings, back to the Bible, back to the Holy Spirit upon the Word of God that makes the Word of God live. That's exactly what it was.

Let us pray...