

Unveiling of God no 36

Understanding the Message by the Bible

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This morning we will continue in our study of brother Branham's sermon **The Unveiling of God** and I would like to begin reading from paragraph 66 where brother Branham said, "Oh church, and if this tape goes out, **can't you see, ministers of the Gospel, where you're living? Can't you see the hour that we're in? God, showing Himself, setting aside... Look, He took that temple veil and tore it to pieces that they might see God in plain view, and they was too blind to see It. And He's done the same thing today: putting His Word right out in front, what He promised, every promise in the Word laying right before us, in plain view. You know what the Gentile church does? The same thing the Jewish church did: too blind to see It.** That's all. It'll be on their hearts just as it was in that day.

Notice that brother Branham is telling us that the same conditions exist today as did when Jesus was hanging there on the cross, and as he hung there, God ripped the veil in the temple in two showing what was hiding behind that veil was the Holiest of Holies that was being hidden from the people, and by ripping the veil in two he was showing that Christ was God in plain view that they rejected God's very Presence that was hidden behind the veil of His son. And he tells us the same condition exists today, where the people are just too blind to see God's presence in full view.

We see this condition of blindness in the church prophesied to come in the book of **Revelations 3:14** *And unto the angel (the messenger) of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;*

Now, I would like to stop here for just a moment and examine these last few words we just read, where the one who is speaking to John on the isle of Patmos said "*These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;*"

Now, many have written about this and many say it was an angel, others say it was God, but what did a vindicated prophet of God tell us this one speaking is?

From his sermon **Future home 64-0802 P:150** Br. Branham said, "*The holy Blood that was created by God, the Blood, the Life, the Creation of God: Jesus was the beginning of the creation of God. Oh, my. You see it? God made in creation... He was Spirit. The Bible said He's the beginning of the creation of God. How did He begin? In the wombs of a woman, which is what? The woman is... not like... How them blind people can't see the serpent's seed right here. See? Eve was put here on the earth, and before Satan ever touched her or anything else, God said to them, "Multiply and replenish the earth." It's right. But Satan comes in here, and if that was Adam's son, then where Adam was a direct descent from God, and you only take the nature of your parent. And when you are born again you take the nature of your Parent of heaven. And your Parent of heaven is the attribute of the Word, or the Word is the attribute of your Parent. And how can you deny It for denominations?*

Now, that ought to let you know right there that when you are born again all you see is the Word of God. Many have heard the Message of the Hour but because they are not born again they cannot take it to the Word. But if you are born again you must take it to the Word for that is all you can see.

The Apostle Paul made that very plain in **1 Corinthians 2:7** *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, (notice it is hidden wisdom) which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (The Lord of the doxa) 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: (ok, so he says God has revealed them unto us by His Spirit and then he says how this takes place...) for the Spirit (notice that the word Spirit is capitalized so this means The Spirit of God) *searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so* (or in the same way) *the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God knows. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God: that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. (So you see he tells us that the very reason we receive the Spirit of God by a new birth is that we might be able to know... the things of God.) 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, (Therefore Paul says it is impossible for the natural man, the man who has not been born again to be able to understand the things of God. He said it is impossible. Why?) *because they are spiritually discerned*. (in other words it takes being spiritual which means spirit filled ie: full of the Spirit, to be able to discern the things of God.) 15 *But he that is spiritual* (he that is spirit filled) *judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.***

Now, again in his sermon **Future home 64-0802 P:158** brother Branham says, "Now, notice. But Jesus was the beginning of the creation of God. And then in **P:163** he said, "Remember that the Holy Ghost descended on Jesus, which Jesus was a part of the earth. Why? The germ of God, the Life of God was designed in the womb of a woman (That right?), which was the earth. All right. And then the Life of God came in, so He was the beginning of the creation of God. See? And then that Blood of God, that was there by that germ, when it was shed at Calvary, dropped back upon the earth. What for? To redeem the earth. Now, it's been justified; it's been sanctified, called and claimed; and now it's to receive its baptism of fire, and be cleansed for Jesus and His Bride. And you are these other parts that's drawn out of this earth. You are part of the earth, your body. Your soul is part of God, a attribute of God, displayed here on earth in a body. The body's to be redeemed. Now the soul's redeemed, because it was in sin. So God come down by process of justification,

sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost, and redeemed your soul. And you, being part of the earth, it's redeemed by it. You're in the process now, it's growing on.

Now, if your soul come from God, because it had to if you were in Him before the foundations of the world Right? Well, does that make you God? No, but it makes you a son of God, right?

Then what about your spirit? Well the spirit is the nature of your life. And when you were born from the sexual union of your two parents you were "*born in sin, shaped in iniquity and come to the world speaking lies.*" Right? That's what the Bible says...

But when you were born again you had a new birth. And that Spirit life came from God. "*By one Spirit you were baptized into one body*", right? Again that is what the Bible says.

But just because your soul and your spirit come from God, that doesn't make you God. That just makes you a son of God. Just Like Jesus was born with the Holy Spirit and His Soul came from God, yet he was the son of God, and not God the son.

So brother Branham said in his sermon **Proving His Word 64-0816 P:78** *Now, we find that God came into this little cell (See?), and He begin to develop cells, drew from His mother's vitamins and things, as she. Then when He become old enough to eat Himself, He begin to eat. And what is that? It's the dust of the earth, which you come up and plant life and animal life and so forth, and as He begin to eat the fish and the bread and the so forth, it begin to develop cells. And then when it's fully matured at thirty years old, He was baptized in obedience to John down here, or to God, in the water, and went out. And what happened? The Dove, which was God, descending from heaven, with a voice saying, "*This is My beloved Son, in Whom I'm pleased to dwell in.*" What did He come to do? To redeem that part of the earth. He was the beginning of the creation of God. Because God is not a creation; only in Christ He is a creation, because God is eternal and a Spirit, and a Spirit is not created. *He was the beginning of the creation of God,* and God redeemed that body. See, when He come down, "*This is My beloved Son; I'm well pleased in Him.*"*

P:81 *This Son of the virgin was the Word made manifest.* Now, St. John 1, if you want to read that, St. John 1. This prophet, this prophet too... But *this Son of the virgin was the Word made manifest, the beginning of the creation of God.* Now, the whole earth is God's creation, but it's lost. See? Then He redeems this earth. And *you're a part of the earth,* and *He redeems you by the same way He redeems the whole earth.* See? Now, this Son of the virgin was the Word made manifest, "*In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.*" Satan tried every scheme to make Him discredit this. Satan tried everything that he could to make Him discredit it, tried to get Him to take the kingdom without suffering, tried to get Him to take it without redemption (When it was God's plan in the Garden of Eden when He killed the lamb, that only by blood would He take it.), even promised Him all the kingdoms of the world if He would take it. Just think of what a promise.

P:93 *What would He do? He was proving His Word,* proving His position, proving what He was. *God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself.* And *God is the Word.* All right. He calmed the winds and the waves, to prove Isaiah's prophecy, "*He shall be called*

The mighty God, the everlasting Father. " See? *He also multiplied bread and fishes, this virgin-born Son.* What was it? *To prove the Word.* All Scripture has to be fulfilled. He proved the Word, by saying *He was Jehovah made manifest.* *He was the beginning of the creation of God.* God in creation, *God with a little part of the creation here that God was living in Himself;* *He was the beginning of that creation of God, "From Him begets many sons."* Note, He also multiplied the fishes. *He is the Word* and *the proof of the Word.*

P:122 We think of this Solomon in that great millennium of the Jews, that when no nations dared to touch them, and that great gift of God was in the prophet till he made known to the queen all of her secrets of her hearts, nothing was withheld. The great age, showing and typing that there was a great age coming...And now, *Father, that was You, not Solomon.* *That was You in Jesus,* for He said, "*God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself. He was the beginning of the creation.*" *His body was the redeemed creation.*

Seed of discrepancy 65-0118 P:17 in Jesus Christ. For He was the Seed of God; ***He was the beginning of the creation of God,*** He was nothing less than God. And Judas Iscariot was born the son of perdition, come from hell, returned to hell. *Jesus Christ was the Son of God, the Word of God made manifest.*

Why it had to be shepherds 64-1221 P:53 He had started a new creation. What was it? A creation of Himself. *God was made flesh and dwelt among us.* That's... The Bible said, "*In the beginning of the creation of God...*" *God was created in human form; in Jesus Christ, His Son, God dwelt.* He built His tabernacle of flesh and bones, and lived in that tabernacle: God, ***Emmanuel,*** "*God with us.*" He built Himself a house to live in it, so He could reflect His Word to His subjects through that. You know what God is when you see Christ.

Now, before we move on let's just say this, Jesus received his soul from God and his spirit from God alone. But the body was not spirit, it was a created vessel. And as brother Vayle said, "That body was the body of God but he loaned it to his son. He said God came into the three room house of his son, the Body Spirit and soul of his son. So Jesus was a total man, but the God that came into him at the river Jordan took over that body and that body was totally subject to the God that inhabited him.

Now where the oneness go wrong is they try to say that body was deity, but brother Branham taught us that the body was not deity but deity dwelt in that body. But Deity also dwells in your body if you are a son of God filled with his Spirit. And that does not make you God any more than God in His Son makes Jesus God the son.

So the One who said he is the beginning of the creation of God, Jesus continues with John by saying to the church of the Laodicean's, ***15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou***

mayest see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

So the church of the Laodicean's in Blind, and don't even know it. And so they are commanded to come get the oil that can make them see which is the Holy Spirit upon the Word.

From brother Branham's sermon called **Message to the Laodicean church 58-0609 P:37** I tell you, brother, there's been a cold spell in the church. And the Pentecostal church has caught a bad cold somewhere. And it'll take more than coon grease to open their eyes to the...?... **"I'll give you some eyesalve."** And **that eyesalve will open your eyes.** And **if the preaching of the Word don't do it, I don't know any other eye salve.** The Holy Spirit warms up the Word, and tonight across the church... And **the church loves that Word.** Certainly. And **It opens the eye.** Then you can see we've had a little draft come across the church somewhere. I think we got to breaking up and making, **"I'm this and I'm that."** I wonder what we are after all. Oh, if you only knew it, friend: **you're sons and daughters of God that God's trying to get... You just got your eyes mattered. That's all. God spreading some salve is what we want in this revival here to get the eyes opened up.**

And from his sermon **Door in a door 63-0223 P:81** he said, **"Jesus said, "I counsel you to buy eye-salve," the Holy Spirit.** You're becoming so blind, the church is, **until it can't see God. It only sees its organization.** It only sees that what it can see in front of it. It never looks out yonder to the soon coming of the Lord. Coon grease will never do that any good, but **the salve of the Holy Spirit will open your eyes, and you can realize that the presence of Jesus Christ... And He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is God, and He can salve your eyes with His Holy Spirit.**

Now, we read in **Timothy 2:15** where the Apostle Paul said **"Study to shew thyself approved unto God,** but I would like to ask you, how much study of the Word of God are you doing? I know many of you from your own testimony that when you came to this Message you couldn't get enough of it and you studied day and night.

So my question is **"You did run well, what has hindered you?"** and that is what the apostle Paul said. And the word hindered means something cut in on you and stopped your all out run for the finish line. You did study the word when you came to the message, but why don't you study the word anymore? Do you think God expected you to stop studying His word because you are in a church that believes the full Word?

You know I talk to a lot of people and get emails from even more, and I find that men just do not study the Word like they used to. Most of the emails I get ask me questions concerning the message and I do the study and get back to them with the answer, but I think it should not be that way. I think if you want an answer you ought to study it out yourself and by doing so you will grow faster than you could by just getting the answers from me.

I'm not saying that I mind the questions, because when I get the question, I dig for the answer and I grow that much more, not from my need but from yours. You have a question, God has an answer, and when I go to God and His Word for to answer your question, I grow as well.

But the way it is supposed to work is that you are supposed to "***Study to shew thyself approved unto God,***" It doesn't say that the whole responsibility is on the shoulders of the pastor. It's on you. I as your pastor am just here to help you when you get stuck.

Then he says when you ***Study to shew thyself approved unto God,*** you become "***a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,*** because you find yourself "***rightly dividing the word of truth.***"

So your study should be of the Word of God. And you should not just be listening to the sermons for the pleasure of it, but you should be listening to learn. With your Bibles open and your notepad handy or today in the 21st century with your Ipad's handy you then have all the Bible helps at your finger tips ***to rightly divide the Word of God.***

The problem we have in Laodicea is that people are blind and naked, that means they actually don't know how Biblically illiterate they really are. They can tell you all about the Messenger but they cannot tell you that His ministry was to declare the presence of God to us. Therefore, I believe that without being able to take the Message to the Bible you really do not know or understand the Message.

And that is why people call the Parousia of Christ a false doctrine. They say, "well brother Branham never said the word Parousia, so it must be false. And so they speak evil of what they know not as the Bible said they would do. Instead of listening to the prophet of God and then finding what he is talking about in the bible, they do not do anything with what the prophet said, and so they turn their ears away from the Doctrine of this Message. and that is a pitiful condition.

In **2 Peter 2: 1** we read, ***But as there were false prophets among the people, so shall there be false teachers among you, who will be of such a nature as to bring in alongside of true doctrine destructive heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.*** That's what the Wuest translation tells us.

And that is exactly what the King James version says if you read it correctly. It says these ***false teachers will bring in,*** So then if we are studying our Bibles we would have to ask ourselves the question, "bring in to where?" And then again we should think, "***if it is brought in, then it really wasn't meant to be there in the first place.***"

So if we are talking about the Word of God which are the thoughts of God, and then if they are bringing in something else, then what they bring in is not "***God's thoughts***" but their own thinking which is death in the pot.

And look what it says these destructive heresies will produce, "***even denying the Lord that bought them***", and who is the Lord that Bought them? There is only One Lord, which is One Jehovah. and he paid his own creative blood and bought us with his own blood.

The Blood of God. So these deniers must deny the blood of God, which is the son of God, and in doing so they will deny that God is "***the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ***". as brother Branham said, "***How could Jesus be his own Father?***" yet they deny the son and make him his own father.

So these will not understand the Godhead, and thus the relationship that God had with this firstborn son, and thus they will not understand the relationship God wants with all his sons.

So Peter tell us "they will deceive using fabricated words, or shall we say their own version of Godhead, such as saying the fullness of the Godhead bodily is in the church or in the Bride as so many teach in error.

In brother Branham's sermon, **The Spoken Word is the Original Seed** pp 192 he said, "***He will be correctly dedicated to the Word as they have always been; indicated by God's Word and "a-vindicated"***".

Now, these two terms that brother Branham uses here, "***indicated***" and "***a-vindicated***" mean two different things altogether. The first word "***indicated***" means "***pointed out or suggested***".

So brother Branham is speaking of how that person would have to be pointed out or suggested in the Scriptures. In other words, you can see that person spoken of in the Word of God either directly or indirectly. So we see that the ministry he is talking about will be seen somewhere in Scripture, suggested by Scripture or Pointed out in the Scripture.

The other term "***a-vindicated***" is made up of two words, the first which is the letter "***a***" used as a prefix and it means "***something that is ongoing***" and then the word "***vindicate***" which has to do with "***backing up***", "***proving***" or in "***defense of***" and in the usage here, speaks of "***justification of the person or ministry***".

Then he continues, ***God will vindicate what he preaches to be the Truth as He did Elijah; for it is Elijah coming, making ready for the Mount Zion rapture. Jesus said in the last days it would be like Lot's time. His preaching will be with the Spirit and straight line of God's Word. Because so much has been called God's Truth, many will misunderstand this true messenger. (I've got wrote here p-r-o-p-h-e-c-y, prophecy.) Because so much has been called God's Truth by fakers, many true ministers will misunderstand that messenger.***

Now, there are ***two things*** I would like to point out here that Brother Branham is speaking of:

First is "***vindication***" and "***the fact that this person will come straight with the Word of God, and everything he tells us, you will be able to find right in the Bible***".

And if you cannot find what Brother Branham is telling you in the Bible it is because you do not understand what he is saying. And that is the stand I've taken over the years and have taken a lot of criticism over it because the way my ministry works is that, "***I take what the Prophet of God told us and take it right back to the Scripture***", and if you analyze my sermons and break them down you will see about 85-90 percent of what I say is either a quote from God's prophet or from the Scriptures.

When I put together my sermons, I use **royal blue** for Brother Branham's Words. I use **blood red** for **the Scripture**. And then I use black for my own comments, because that is normal type-face print, and that is just to tie together the Message with Scriptures. That is how I have chosen to preach and teach because at the white throne when asked why I said what I said, I can point to the Scriptures and to where the end time Vindicated prophet said the same thing. That's my safety net.

Now, br. Branham said in his sermon, **We Would See Jesus 62-0727 E-18 ... If God doesn't speak back through His Word when we see something, then just leave it alone. But as long as It's the Word, then I know that heavens and earth will pass away but His Word will never fail. Therefore, I believe the Bible to be the absolute truth of God, and it isn't to be added to or taken away from, but just lived, preached in Its simplicity, lived the way It's wrote, and God is... If He ever was God, He's still God. And if This is His Word, and He made a promise that He cannot back up, then He isn't God.**

And from **Church Order 63-1226 ...**he said, "you get two men, you got two opinions. **It's got to come to one final absolute, and my absolute is the Word, the Bible.**

From his sermon, **Jesus Christ Same Yesterday Today 58-0312 E-8** he said, "**In the time of the meeting, if I ever say anything or any of my co-workers does or says anything towards teaching that's not found in this Bible, you let me know about it.**

And from **Explaining The Ministry 62-0129 E-9** he said, "**And let's just search back. If that isn't Scriptural, then leave it alone. If I ever say anything in your presence, as a doctrine or a teaching, that's not in the Bible, forget it, because it's not right. And any angel (I don't care how real he looks, and how inspired he is), if he speaks contrary to the Word of God, leave him alone. He's not of God. Galatians 1:8 said, "An angel from heaven preach any other doctrine than this is, what already taught, let him be accursed." We don't take nothing but just what God...**

Let's just read that for ourselves.

Galatians 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: That word another is the Greek word **heteros**, which means "**of anther nature**". So he says I marvel that you are so soon removed from the One who called you by listening to a gospel of a different nature.

And then he says, **7 Which is not another;** (and the Greek word there is not **heteros**, but **allos** which means different. So he says I see that by listening to a gospel that has a different nature you are being turned away from the True Gospel, even though they are not teaching a totally different Gospel, yet because it has a different nature it brings with it a different spirit. But then he explain what it that different nature is and says,) **but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.**

Now, we all know what it means to pervert something. It means that you twist it or make it say what it really is not saying, thus your pervert the conclusion. and then Paul gives the warning as we see in verse **8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any gospel unto you other than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.**

And then Paul repeats the warning of the Spirit. **9** *As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.*

Now, when he said any man or any messenger from heaven, that includes any man who claims to be a prophet of God or any man who claims to be a five-fold minister, or just any laity as well. Any man is any man. And that is in the generic. It includes women as well.

So the apostle Paul says if you teach or preach and do not teach or preach what I have taught, and you alter it to say contrary to what I have taught you are cursed with a curse.

So some say, "well brother Branham never used the word Parousia, so it must be false." And my answer is to you, "Paul taught the Parousia of Christ and if William Branham didn't teach it he would have to be cursed. But I know he taught it because the word Parousia simply means presence, and brother Branham taught the Presence of Christ over 8,700 times in only 1,200 sermons on record.

Then Paul adds to the warning, **10** *For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.*

And I think that is the first lesson anyone who desires to preach should understand. You do not preach the Word of God to please men, you preach it to please God, and only God. And if your motive and objective is to only please God then you will never ever allow to enter your mind thoughts that would be pleasing to men's ears. And that is the marking of a true servant of God. His sermons are not men pleasers. They are God pleasers. And if any man gears his sermons to please his wife he isn't fit for the ministry. God could never use such a man.

Then Paul says, **11** *But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

And that is how you learn to take this message back to the Word, not by what someone teaches you, but by what the Holy Ghost teaches you comparing Spiritual things with Spiritual.

And if you recall that is exactly what the Apostle Paul said in **1 Corinthians 2:13** *Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.* And what is that? Comparing the Spoken word with the written Word.

From his sermon, **Christ Is Revealed In His Own Word 65-0822m** brother Branham said, "All other words, I don't care how well they're placed, ... who they come from, what denomination they come from, or how smart the man is, ... it's to be absolutely ignored, anything contrary to the Word. ...If a bright shining angel come up there, and stand, and say things that was contrary to the Word, you'd say, "Satan, get away from me." That's right. If he's a bishop, if he's a whatever he is, don't you never believe him if he doesn't speak exactly with that Bible, word by word. Watch him, he will carry you with the Bible now. He will carry you to a certain place and then hook it right there. When you see the

Bible saying one thing and he bypasses that, watch him right there. See, that's the way he done Eve.

Now, listen. Doesn't matter who he is, or what ministry he claims to have. He said watch him. If he doesn't stay right with this word, forget it. He says, *they will use the word of God to a point then they will come in with a curve ball, they will hook it* and since the greatest lie is about 99% truth, then that 1% off is what brings the whole thing they are telling you into a lie.

Look what Paul warned us of in **2 Thessalonians 2:10** *"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness (un-right-wiseness) in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness (un-right-wiseness)."*

And so brother Branham also warned us in his sermon **54-0401 God's Preparation E-22** *"Now, friends, there's many things that people do and say, perhaps maybe... I'm not the judge of people. But I think any ministry or any demonstration of the Spirit of God that can't be backed up in this Bible, I'd leave it alone. If anything that anyone says that isn't backed up by the Scripture, then I couldn't go with it; although I wouldn't say it wasn't God till I seen the fruits of it. Then I wouldn't say nothing about it; I'd just let it go like that. I don't believe in talking about people. I don't believe that. I believe in rebuking sin and so forth; but talking about, "Well, this church is not right, and they are nothing but hypocrites, and this pastor's nothing." That's wrong.*

And that is what I also try to do. Now some of you might try to put a name to the sin I blast out against, but you are the one guilty of associating that sin to a person, not me. I hit against what I see as sin and if you choose to say, he was speaking about this one or that one, then you are the one who is guilty of that, not me.

Now, listen to God's prophet here. He said *if they say anything*, that means if they teach anything that cannot be brought from Scripture rightly divided, then just leave it alone. And God will deal with them, you don't have to .

Always remember and never forget, the Book of **Revelations 22:16** Jesus warns us Himself *not to add to or take from what the Scripture teaches...*, *I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. 18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. 20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.*

Now, from brother Branham's sermon, **56-0429 Jehovah Jireh E-59** he said, "And the Bible said that Jambres and Jannes would raise up in the last days and almost deceive the very elect. **Be careful, brother, and keep it right on the Word of God. Don't leave there. A whole lot of things today that's going on that's not coming from that Word. And you leave it alone. Stay with the Bible.** 'Cause the Bible said it would deceive the very elect if possible. But when your name's wrote on the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world, you'll know His Voice. A stranger you'll not follow. I don't care if oils pouring out of hands, feet, and everything else. You'll know that don't come from the Bible, and you'll stay with God. Now, just watch. All kinds of wonders.

Now here is the other thing we must be careful about. The Word of God must be in its season, And there are an awful lot of things being taught from Pulpits today that have nothing to do with the age we live in. And if it is not concerning the age we live then **just forget it**, it's not for you.

Now, listen friends, I'm not saying these things to be hard or mean spirited, but there's just too many things out there that will get your eyes off the promise for the season. There is far too much speculation going on about this that and the other.

And even when it comes to flat earth or politics. Stay away from that stuff. I'm not saying you will get list by it, but it's not important. Nothing is important that doesn't secure your place with Christ. Those are just distractions Satan has to get your mind studying everything but the word of God for this hour.

Brother Branham said in his sermon, **Reproach for the word 62-1223 P:68** *Man are always the same as ever. Now, I'm going to say something again, and I want you... And I don't know whether it's being taped or not, but if it is on tape, I want you to listen at me, you on the tape. Don't you miss it. But **study it.** Men now is like he's always been. He's praising God for what He's done, looking forward to what He will do, and **ignoring what He has done and is doing.** He praises God for what He has done; He looks forward to what He will do; but he ignores what God's a-doing, and **there he misses the whole thing.** Hope they get it. See? **Ignoring what He's doing... He knows what He has done, and he knows the promise what He will do, but he fails to see what He's doing.** Oh, you Pentecostals, if you're not example of that. You're looking forward for something to happen; **it's already happened right under you, and you don't know it.** "How oft would He have hovered you, as a hen does her brood; but you would not." You thought more of your traditions and denominations than you did of His Word and His Spirit. Yes.*

So we need to be careful in this hour because there are so many distraction out there. And let me say this while I am at it. We can get distracted even by things that God's prophet and the Bible speak about for this hour. Namely, we know that both William Branham and the Scriptures spoke to us of the conditions and judgments that would encompass this earth.

We know of the end-time judgments to come, and we see them unfolding right here in this very hour. But now, let's look at what Brother Branham warned us about. He said **Ignoring**

what He's doing... He knows what He has done, and he knows the promise what He will do, but he fails to see what He's doing.

Because Brother Branham also taught from his sermon, **Jehovah Jireh 1 64-0402 P:82** ***If it wasn't written in the Word for this age, I'd walk away from it. Anything that's not in that Word, I don't believe it.*** Now, *I wouldn't accept it. I don't say I wouldn't believe it, but I don't accept it. I don't understand it. But when it's in this Word, and a promise for this age, I understand it. Do you?*

And why is that so important? Because God interprets His Word by bringing it to pass. So if it is for this hour, then watch it come to pass, and if it is not for this hour, then you are only **speculating**, Your mining the Word for something that's not there. And here is why we must be careful as well. Because if the thing coming is not for you and you spend all your time focused on that then it is your expectation, and brother Branham taught us you get what you are expecting.

So our focus should be "**what is God supposed to be doing right now**", and "**what does the Scriptures promise for the elect of this hour**", and the only thing I know of where we should be keeping our focus on is concerning the adoption of sons. And to be an adoptable son brother Branham said you have to be the right kind of a son, one who is always about his father's business, conformed to the first born son, and then manifest as a true son of God.

So if you see things approaching and you'd have to have your head in the sand not to see the judgments in the earth, then I ask you, **what is your promise for this hour?** Is your promise to go through those judgments, or is it to ride above them?

We've seen the floods, earthquakes, and all the destruction that's coming on the earth, and the scientists are predicting all forms of mayhem, and judgments, but Jesus promised us in **John 5:24** *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into the judgment; but is passed from death unto life.*

And in **The Spoken word is the original seed 62-0318E P:89** Brother Branham quotes Jesus in **John 5:24** and says, *"He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath Eternal Life, and shall never come to the judgment, (or through the tribulation period), but has passed from death unto Life." That's it.*

Listen, the Lord promised to ***curse those who do not hearken to his voice***, but He also promised ***to bless those who did hearken to his voice***. Now, that is not to say that you won't be put to the test, because God puts all his children to the test. But you certainly are not ordained to go through the judgments.

But do you think for one moment I'm worried about the effects of a global shift or a polar shift? Or even global warming? Not for one minute. Does that mean that I won't be careful what I do and where I go? You better believe I am always careful. But if God tells me to go some place then I just rest knowing that he that sent me will take care of me.

In fact Irenaeus tells a story he had heard from Polycarp about John's utter loathing and contempt for these false brethren. He says, "*There are also those who heard from Polycarp that John, the disciple of the Lord, going to bathe at Ephesus, and perceiving Cerinthus within, rushed out of the bath-house without bathing, exclaiming, "Let us fly, lest even the bath-house fall down, because Cerinthus, the enemy of the truth, is within."* And Polycarp himself replied to Marcion, who met him on one occasion, and said, "*Dost thou know me?"* And Polycarp replied, "*I do know thee, the first-born of Satan.*" Such was the horror which the apostles and their disciples had against holding even verbal communication with any corrupters of the truth; as Paul also says, "*A man that is an heretic, after the first and second admonition, reject; knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.*"

So I am careful to go only where My God wants me to go and to speak only to those who are wanting to know the Truth. I do not go to places just to go. I go to where God wishes for me to teach the truth only. Otherwise it is a total waste of time and money to go and just sit and listen to someone who doesn't even know what they are talking about.

From his sermon, **Hidden life in Christ 55-1110 P:9** Brother Branham said, *I'm a fundamentalist. **Everything must come from the Scripture.** I wouldn't say I wouldn't believe it, but I wouldn't understand it just right if it wasn't from the Scripture. And if any time, during the time of the phenomenal part of the healing services, if any person, whatever you belong to, what church, if you ever see anything that's questioned, that we do here, and **that's not in the Scripture**, well, **then you come to me**, because I certainly want to stay right in this Book. 'Cause This is the Foundation. And **all Scripture and all operations of the Holy Spirit must come from the Bible, then I believe it.** Now, He could do something that wasn't in the Bible. It'd still be God. But I'll understand it better if it comes right from the Bible. I kind of like it that way, 'cause I know that it's right then.*

And again from his sermon, **64-0823E Questions and Answers** Brother Branham said, **8** *"Isn't that what He said? "**Many shall come to Me in that day and say, 'Lord have not I...'**" See? Now, can't you see that you can't put your trust in healing campaigns? You can't put your trust in any kind of a sign like that. **The only thing you can put your trust in is THUS SAITH THE LORD from the Bible.** Now, Church, that is exactly where I have tried to keep you, my children. **And if something happens to me and God takes me out of this earth, don't you never fail. Remember this with all your heart: stay with that Word. Don't you leave that Word. Anything contrary to It, leave it alone, no matter what it is.** Then you know It's right. See?"*

And from his sermon, **Calling Jesus on the scene 63-0804E P:6** Brother Branham said, *"I'm a prisoner to this Word. See? I must stay right with It. I don't speak hard things to make people feel bad. I speak things sharp, sometimes, to make people look (See?) an exclamatory, "Oh, look." See, to make them look at it, to see. Then if you get them, maybe sometimes it provokes them. And about nine times out of ten, if they get a little bit provoked, they'll go to searching the Scriptures, and God does the rest of it then. You see? Just only look at the Scriptures. **If I ever say anything that's contrary to the Scriptures, you're duty***

bound to come tell me about it, write me, or some way to let me know. And that's the reason I feel duty bound to you to explain the Scriptures. Just not try to explain them; just say the way They are. That's what They say. And believe it, believe it like that.

So you see, brother Branham was of the mind that **his absolute is this word of God**, and that we must take everything back to the Scriptures.

Now remember, Brother Branham said, **192** He will be correctly dedicated to the Word as they have always been; **indicated** by **God's Word** and "a-vindicated". ... and Because so much has been called God's Truth by fakers, many true ministers will misunderstand that messenger.

So whether they are true or not, it shows they don't know what they are talking about if they cannot take this Message back to the Word of God and prove it by that.

And in closing, br. Branham said in his sermon **God's only provided place of worship 65-1128M P:20** I believe the church is beginning to hear the message, and beginning to understand it. But, friends, listen, we've got to lay in the Presence of the Son; we've got to be ripened. Our faith isn't ripe. Intellectually we're hearing the message that God has give us, and seeing the signs that He showed us, and proving it by the Bible as that; but, oh, how the church needs to lay in His Presence till it tenders up, you know, and gets sweet in the Spirit so that it can bathe down. Sometimes in speaking the message, you get harsh, have to break it in like that, because you've got to clinch a nail to make it hold. But when the church once gets it, the Elected is called out and separated then in the Presence of God, I know it'll be something like the people was there when it takes its rapture.

Let us pray...