

Unveiling of God no 60

Vindication

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This morning we will pick up at paragraph **92** of brother Branham's sermon **The Unveiling of God**. "God hid behind the veil... Moses veiled his face. **Moses was the living Word veiled then. The people saw that Pillar of Fire, said, "Now, we're satisfied. (See?) Let Moses speak. (See?) Don't let God speak, lest we die."** Moses walked right into that Pillar of Fire. See? And said now, He said, "**Now, I won't speak to them no more like this; I'll give them a prophet.**" See, that's the way He always did it. See? Said, "**Now, let them...**" But this prophet has to have His Word. **If he's veiled with a tradition, God never sent him. If he's veiled with the Word, God will vindicate It. God interprets His own Word.** Moses spoke them; God interpreted Them. Amen. Moses said, "**The Lord said so.**" And **the Lord did just what He said. That made it right.**

That is why I've been saying for years, that vindication is not manifestation. Those are two different words and they mean two different things. There I only one Scriptural evidence of Vindication and that we find in **Deuteronomy** chapter **13** and **18**. Scriptural vindication is when a man comes along with "**Thus Saith the Lord**" and God backs up what he said by bringing it to pass. That's it.

It's not have a light appear over your head, and even three rainbows appear over you while you are preaching. It is not a lick of fire appearing over your head as some people seem to think either. I don't care if a vindicated prophet saw that lick of fire, it is not vindication. And as I said, neither are the three horizontal rainbows that over the meetings I was preaching in. There is only one form of Scriptural vindication and that is when a man speaks in the name of the Lord and God makes sure that thing comes to pass. That is it.

It comes to pass exactly as it was said. Too many people look at that picture of William Branham with the light over his head and say that is vindication. No it is not.

Scriptural vindication is when God speaks mouth to Mouth with the prophet and the thing he said in **the name of the lord** comes to pass.

Understanding vindication is perhaps one of the most important things we can do as a Believer in God and His Word. It seems today, among the Christian world that we are living again in the days of Judges where every man did what he thought was right in his own eyes. And why is this the predominant attitude amongst the nations today?, Because the people have turned down a Vindicated Prophet of God.

It does not matter whether they are Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, or Pentecostal. It does not matter whether they claim to be followers of the Prophet of God to our day. The proof of their belief is in their understanding of Vindication.

So then what is Vindication. Why is it so important to us?

E-32 Sign of His Coming 62-0407 *But to the believer, it's a vindication of the truth of God's Word that speaks of the coming sign. Amen. It vindicates God's Word to be the truth. That's to the believer. Amen. The unbeliever, he's worried, dismayed, discouraged. "Oh, such a outfit," he will say. "You don't mean you belong to a thing like that." See? He's just discouraged with it. And--but to the believer, it's, oh, it's honey in the rock. It's a vindication.*

Brother Branham used the term **Vindication** to explain: "**God has a One man Message and He deals with One man only**". But men do not like this, for they seem to want to have their own say as to how God is going to do things.

Who Do you say this Is? 64-1227 128 *That one-man message, they didn't want it. No, they didn't want It. And God never did deal but with one person at a time. It's always a one-man message. When did ever He deal with the people, outside of just one person? It's an individual. It ain't a group.*

Vindication is the real issue concerning our faith. Not so much that it was God who backed up William Branham's Message, for all Pentecostal people believe that God works out of heaven and does fantastic things. They will even allow for God to come down to do certain things, but the understanding that this Vindication comes in the form of God's Personal Presence with His prophet, and that this Presence was referred to by Brother Branham himself as the Appearing of Christ has become the central doctrinal debate within the "Message clergy" because it comes into direct conflict with their understanding of the Second coming of Christ as they have always perceived it, and this is due to the fact that they do not understand Godhead correctly.

A close study of this principle of vindication will help us to understand better that when it comes to the program of God, we have absolutely no say as to what will happen. All God requires from you and me is to get ourselves out of the way and allow God to work through his chosen channel, which according to **Amos 3:7** is always a prophet.

Amos 3:6 *Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it? 7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. 8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?*

Again we find in the book of **Deuteronomy** God's Law concerning how he will deal with His People. And since He is the same and changes not, then we cannot say that prophets are relegated to the Old Testament only, for there are references to prophets in the New Testament as well.

Deuteronomy 18:15 ¶ *The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; 16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. 17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken. 18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. 19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my*

*words which he shall speak in my name, **I will require it of him.** 20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. 21 And if thou say in thine heart, **How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?** 22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.*

Now, God set forth an order that has very strict consequences for those who will not adhere to it. He said, **I will require it from you. You will pay for your unbelief.** Notice the question came forth from God's own mouth. He said, how will you know what is right and what is not right? And then He tells us, the one that is not right will not be vindicated. I will not bring his words to pass, because they are not my words.

And we know God is very protective of His own Words. **Isaiah 55:10** *For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

So it all comes back to Speaking in the name of the Lord, because after all "**thus saith the Lord**" is what the Lord has said thus. And if God did not send it, it matters not what kind of manifestations you see. Vindication is based on "**Thus saith the Lord**". God backing up what he said, not what you might assume what He wants said.

John 10:23 *'And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. 24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. 25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.*

Notice, not the works that I do, but the works I do "**in my Fathers name**". In other words the works I do that the Lord has told me thus to say.

26 *But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one. 31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you **from my Father**; for which of those works do ye stone me? 33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but **for blasphemy**; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.*

These men just had no clue about vindication. Jesus told them everything I do my Father commanded me what to say and what to do. That's vindication. That is "**Thus saith the Lord.**"

34 *Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? 35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; 36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? 37 If I do not the works of my Father, (If I do not do what my Father commanded me to do, which is **Thus saith the Lord.**) **believe me not.***

So even here we see that it is all about doing and saying what God told him to do and say. It is all about following "**Thus Saith the Lord.**"

38 *But if I do, though ye believe not me, **believe the works**: that ye may know, and believe, that **the Father is in me, and I in him.** 39 ¶ Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,*

Proof of His Resurrection**136** *There He stood, and made Himself known. He said, "If you can't believe Me, believe the works that I do. They testify the Father sent Me." He said, "And My education..." In other words, like this, "If My education doesn't satisfy your longings, if My degree, which, I have none, but My degree, My diploma, is not from your seminaries. My diploma is the works that I do, that the Father sent Me. They are My diploma." That's the best diploma I know of. God, give us more of those diplomas. **"The works that I do are a vindication that the Father sent Me. If that isn't sufficient, believe them then instead of Me.***

E-15 Jesus Christ the Same 55-0603 *But Jesus come by not preaching so forceful as John, but there were signs and wonders accompanying Him. He said, "If you can't believe Me believe the works that I do. **If you can't believe Me believe the a vindication that the Father has given of Me, for the works that I do, the same testify that the Father has sent Me.**" What a statement. Think of it. **"The works that I do testify that the Father has sent Me."** Man can make any kind of a statement, but **if God don't back that statement up, you've got a right to say it's wrong.** But when God comes around and confirms that statement to be the truth then it's sin to disbelieve it. For what is sin? Sin is one thing: "unbelief." That's right. You couldn't say how much of that is night. It's all night. And in the daytime you couldn't say just this much is day. It's all day. Jesus said, "He that believeth not is condemned already." Faith in God and unbelief that's the two things. One is sin and the other one is salvation.*

John 5:19 *Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. 20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.*

E-32 What Hearest Thou Elijah 59-0412E *Listen, brother, you might have a lot of noise, but I wonder how much spirit's behind it, is what I'm a wondering. It isn't noise that makes spirit. I've seen people that could jump, and run, and shout, and--and play bands, and run up-and-down the platform, and didn't have enough real true faith to stop a toothache. That's right. It's that still small voice of God that operates the power of God, that makes things real and brings Life to the church. That's what I'm speaking of. **It ain't noise that counts; it's the vindication, the Spirit of God that makes the difference.** It's*

been here each night performing signs, and wonders, and miracles among the people. It's true. I don't see how Pentecostal people, who claim to have kissed the cup of the golden blessings of Jesus Christ, can set still hardly when the Holy Ghost is a moving in such things. But it's because it ain't got a noise behind it. The noise went first, then the still small voice come. We've had those times; it was all God's way.

E-78 Having Conferences 60-0608 *And while we have our heads bowed, is there a sinners--any sinners here, would like to walk up here just a minute. Maybe this might not help you, but I want to be sure of this. I've told you the honest truth, so help me. God knows that. I want to be sure that there's not a sinner on the ground. Let me say this, **THUS SAITH THE HOLY SPIRIT: "Except a man be born again, he cannot enter into the Kingdom."** And if you're here tonight, and **THUS SAITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD** that's within me, I tell the truth; I lie not. **The very thing that vindicates it is a returning of that prophetic Spirit that discerns the thoughts, tells you what you've done, what you will do, what'll happen to you, every predicament, every time perfectly for year after year. That's the vindication that I have told you the truth,...***

E-71 Be not Afraid 60-0609 *You believe on the Lord Jesus? Have faith in God. It's all over, brother. Just believe it now. We are strangers to one another. Now, **that ought to settle it for the whole group of you. Does that confirm that I'm preaching the truth? How would God let me tell something wrong, and stand up with my very message. These things are only to indicate a Divine a vindication that my theology is right.** That's exactly right. The Word of the Lord came to the prophets. You believe that with all your heart? I don't know you; Jesus knows you. You're a very fine person, and you're not here for yourself. You're here for someone else. It's your daughter. You believe God can tell me what her trouble is? It's in her spine. That's true. If that's right, raise up your hand. Now, you believe with all your heart?*

E-24 Blind Bartemaeus 60-0713 *And in Praying for the sick, tonight as we pray for the sick, the Lord may come to us and give the visions. And if He does, **remember the vision does not heal people. The vision is only a vindication that the Word is right.** How many knows what the word "prophet" means? Sure you do. A "prophet" means "a one that foretells or forth tells." And it is a **Divine sign from God that this person that's speaking has the right interpretation of the Divine Word, because the Word of the Lord came unto the prophets. And the prophet foretold and done those signs, which is a vindication that he had the interpretation of the divine Word.***

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 witnesseth of me is true.***

This lets us know that there will be a showdown. God speaks of this in Deuteronomy chapter 13.

Deuteronomy 13:1 *¶ If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, **2** And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us*

serve them; **3** Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: **for the LORD your God proveth you**, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. **4** Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. **5** And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn [you] away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God **commanded thee** to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

John 14:31 *But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.*

John 15:10 *If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*

John 12:49 *For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.*

John 12:50 *And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.*

Hebrews 2:1 ¶ *Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. **2** For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; **3** *How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation;* which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; **4** God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?*

Vindication is all about God bearing witness to His own Word which He has spoken.

E-36 Sign of His Coming 62-0407 *A vindication of God's Word being true, God bears record of His Word by His signs. God's Word is a Seed, and that Seed has to bring forth of Its kind (**Genesis 1:11**), **every seed of its kind**. And Jesus said that **the Word of God was a Seed that a sower sowed**. So then, **every promise in the Bible has to produce its kind**. Amen. E-37 Now, the signs are a vindication of the true Word. God in all ages has said that. Now, some of you might want to take down some of these Scriptures. If you do, put **Hebrews 2:4** there. You see that **God has vindicated, vindicated His messengers**. "God in sundry times and divers manners," Hebrews starts out, "spoke unto the fathers by the prophets, in this last days through His Son, Christ Jesus." See? And seeing that, they had the Gospel preached to them way back long ago, and had signs and wonders to vindicate that;*

To vindicate what? The Word Spoken.

"then how much more should we hold on after God with divers signs and wonders and gifts of the Holy Ghost? Oh, divers of signs, the signs that Jesus Christ showed that He was here on earth, Who He was, and what He was, and the purpose He was here from.

Hebrews 1:1 ¶ **God**, who at sundry times and in divers manners **spake in time past** unto the fathers by the prophets, **2** Hath in these last days spoken unto us in Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; **3** Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

41 Guide A 62-1014E *It was a vindication there, that there was a living God inside of Him. What He testified, "It's not Me that doeth the works; **it's My Father that dwelleth in Me.** Verily I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise. The Father worketh, and I worketh hitherto."* In other words, **God showed Him what to do,** and **He went and just acted it out; He didn't do anything until God told Him to do it.** Amen. That's the real frank facts of it. If we'd just move and wait till the Spirit moved us to do it... That's it. And then be so completely lost in Christ that He don't have to shove you around like He does me, but the first little nod of His head, you're ready and nothing's going to stop you, because **you know that it's the will of God.**

23-5 Why Cry Speak 63-0714M *Now, Moses' great eye, his eagle eye looked beyond the glamour of Egypt. The real Christian believer today, no matter what the church says, what anybody else says, when that Light strikes it, they see the very vindication of God, that Pillar of Fire hanging there, and the signs and wonders that promised, the Scripture being laid in it, it comes to Life. No matter how little it is and how many in the minority; God's group has always been the minority. See?*

23 Desperation 63-0901E *The Token, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, is among us. We should reverence that. We can't humble ourselves enough. Taking off your shoes or getting on your knees wouldn't expel it, it wouldn't satisfy; it wouldn't suffice us, but a life that brings forth the fruit of the Spirit... Now, what is the fruit of the Spirit? See? Love, joy, peace... Remember this morning? Preparation, sent the messenger with the message. Next thing He done after He sent the messenger with the message, **He sent the Pillar of Fire for a vindication.** Next thing was after that, was consolation. See? You knew that it was right; you was at peace. **We have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.** See?*

From the 20th century Prophet Book we read, "There are always two men or two groups who demonstrate power, but one has a wrong source of power. The spirit of Antichrist is here as well as the Spirit of Christ. **The spirit of Antichrist in Satan's prophets is so close to the real and true Spirit of God that only the VERY ELECT will escape the deception. Matt. 24:22-24** "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." **These true elect ones take the Word.**

Take what? Take **thus saith the Lord.**

"When these true Elect Ones see the prophet and his acts of power, and see **that he is right with the Word and never deviates,** they know that he is of God and receive him. All that

prophet says and does leads them closer to Him Who is coming soon. **They look for no other vindication. This is the vindication".**

What is the only vindication? When they see that the prophet acts only according to the Word of God, "**Thus Saith the Lord.**"

Now, we are told in the New testament that God will once again send forth another prophet and those who do not hear him will be cut off. God does not play games with us. He says what He means and He means what He says.

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. 22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. 23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not **hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.**

Notice the requirement at the hands of an angry God is destruction. Destroyed from amongst the people. This is exactly what we see in **2 Thessalonians 1: 8-9**. This speaks of those who are cut off from the presence of the Lord, and they will be left for the burning.

59 The Token 64-0208 He sent a prophet to them, Moses, with a message identifying God's Word. And to identify Moses, He sent a Pillar of Fire that hung over him. Amen. Then to give him the perfect assurance, He required a token. Amen. **There's a messenger, the message**, (that is "**thus saith the Lord.**") and **the vindication, and the token, the perfect assurance that they had nothing to worry about.** No matter how many plagues strike, what everybody else says they are sealed away.

From the 20th century Prophet Book we read "*The people were oppressed under Pharaoh. For Moses to come and declare himself a prophet of God and worthy of attention and obedience to the Word of God in his mouth, he would of necessity have to gain their attention through some vindication by God that would defy all dispute.*

Twentieth Century Prophet - Page 33 "*This can be easily understood. The Hebrews had not had a prophet for about 400 years. Such a length of time would see several generations without the dynamic truth of God in their midst, and a consequent ignorance of God's way. Moses would need supernatural vindication of his ministry to catch their attention and capture their hearts. This is the very same situation when both John and Jesus came. Israel was without a prophet for another 400 years with the consequent deterioration of truth into human tradition. How very difficult it would be to turn Israel to truth by a prophet. Thus when God sent Moses He sent him with two signs. If the people refused the first sign (the rod made into a serpent) they would hearken to the voice of the second sign (the hand placed in the bosom, turning leprous and then clean.) **Ex. 4:8, "And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the second sign."** **God said that the signs were voices.** Each time the sign appeared in the ministry of Moses **it was the voice of God speaking.** It would naturally do two things. **It would impel the one to come, and **harden the other more and*****

more. That is what the sign did. **That is what the voice of God does.** It draws some and they come closer to the sign as did Moses himself when the bush glowed, but on the other hand that voice in calling will harden the heart more and more as it rejects God. It happened thus to Pharaoh. It happened thus to the Pharisees. But Moses was not discouraged. He kept on. He knew that God was with him in his calling, **for the voice that he was obeying was a Scriptural Voice.** **A true prophet like Moses will always be one with the Word.** The voice that cried out of the bush spoke the Word of God as it had been given to that great prophet, Abraham. It said, **"I remember my promise to my people."** So **Moses listened and obeyed,** and **in so doing he brought the promise of God for the people of that generation.** Now when God spoke by that sign there was only one avenue left. Israel had to move out of Egypt, the Exodus had to come. There will be a final vindicating sign and our day will be over, too, the Rapture must come. As John the Baptist cried, **"Behold the lamb of God,"** without doubt this messenger to the last age will cry, **"Behold the Bridegroom cometh."** As the apostle Paul declared the mysteries of God that produced such dynamic faith in the early church, even so now, when that last prophet reveals what Paul did truly teach, that **SAME WORD** (That same **"Thus Saith the Lord."**) that brought that early church **FAITH which is based solidly on the Word,** will now bring back that faith, and **that will be Rapturing Faith,** to meet the Lord in the air and be forever with Him. Having set forth both the scripture and the unusual vindication of the Prophet-Messenger, it is well to correlate both and see in them the marvelous works of God. Think for a moment on the fact that this man is **often self-vindicated.** In other words there have been times when he has given his testimony and asked others to accept him as a man sent from God. **There is not a prophet who appeared on the scene at any time but had to do likewise.** When Moses appeared before Israel he said, **"God spoke to me out of a burning bush."** He then proceeded to prove it by the two signs he had from God. The immediate reaction was twofold, **some believed and others said, "We weren't there. How do we know that God spoke to you from a cloud of fire?"** But Moses was not discouraged. He kept on. He knew that God was with him in his calling, **for the voice that he was obeying was a Scriptural Voice.** **A true prophet like Moses will always be one with the Word.** The Voice that cried out of the bush **spoke the Word of God** as it had been given to that great prophet, Abraham. It said, **"I remember my promise to my people."** So Moses listened and obeyed, and in so doing he brought the promise of God for the people of that generation. Think of John the Baptist, the greatest prophet, at least up to that time. What was his witness? **John 1:31-34, "And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit from heaven descending like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not; but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, ("Thus saith the Lord".) Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost, and I saw and bare record that this is the Son of God."** Now here was John with his witness. He said **"God spoke to me and told me what I have just told you."** (again we see here **"Thus saith the Lord."**) There again we have an immediate reaction that was two-fold. **Some believed** and others said, **"We weren't there, so we don't know if there was a voice or not, Furthermore, what sign can you show us?"** Thus it is with William Branham. He speaks of seeing a light appearing over people. That light was actually photographed, and you can see it in this book. Yet very few have actually

seen that light. Now whether you accept his testimony or not is up to you, but remember right now you have accepted that of John and he did not have the signs following him that most prophets had. Furthermore, it is with Rev. Branham as it was with Moses, for **the pillar of fire is absolutely scriptural. And so is the voice, for it has never deviated from the Word.** From him, then, we are bound to hear and learn the promise of God for this age. William Branham also says that an angel appears to him. He even describes him. **Your reaction is up to you. You can believe or disbelieve.** But no man has a right to repudiate another, especially if the claimant is on strict Bible grounds--angelic appearances are positively Biblical. A self-witness is absolutely Scriptural. God backs up the revelation. As it was with Paul who came with the complete revelation to the Gentiles, God bearing him witness both with divers signs, and miracles and wonders and gifts of the Holy Ghost, so God has borne witness to William Branham for there has not been one time when the vision failed.

Now, the visions are "**Thus Saith the Lord**" God showing in visions what His Word is declaring to the prophet.

"Nor has there been one time when he has said "**Thus saith the Lord,**" that **the word in his mouth ever failed.** Though one might be censured for the following, yet it ought to be said. There are very few scriptural evidences in the Bible to vindicate the revelation ministry of Paul. **That God actually gave him the complete revelation he lays claim to has but little phenomenal proof from God. YET NO ONE DOUBTS, AND NO ONE SHOULD DOUBT THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE MAN HIMSELF AND THE REVELATION.** And today, this man, William Branham has had literally thousands of manifested vindications from God, and with his life containing all the other factors that make up the prophetic office, **HE OUGHT TO BE RECEIVED FOR WHAT HE IS,--HE MUST BE RECEIVED FOR WHAT HE IS...** "**Thus saith the Lord**" in his mouth by the Holy Ghost is absolutely no different from the "**Thus saith the Lord**" in the mouth of Paul, for it is the same Holy Ghost. The Holy Spirit that spoke in the pillar of fire to Moses is the same Spirit that fell at Pentecost as a cloud of fire, and is the same light exactly that appeared to Paul and blinded him and spoke to him, and that Light or Fire is now with us again and the voice is the SAME VOICE for the SAME SIGNS ARE GIVEN as before, and the prophetic utterance never fails. It is thus the rankest unbelief for men to come to this Prophet and hear him reveal without one mistake ever the various ailments and problems that beset the supplicant who comes for prayer, and then turn from that sign and say that he is a prophet only in discerning, but not a prophet in the Word. Oh, faithless one, can you not see that **the sign is to attract your attention that you might believe the Word?** It is **the WORD that counts,** and the sign is to lead you to it. But man runs true to form as ever he did. When Jesus came He attracted them by the miracles of healing, the water turned to wine, the loaves and fishes multiplied. But when He began to teach a word that differed from theirs--when He laid out for them the true doctrines--they turned far from Him. And so it was, that, when Rev. Branham first appeared on the scene, thousands were healed with never a miss. Nothing stood before him. Then he came teaching the Word. God had sent him with a message. But **the message differed radically from that of the organized churches' message.** For this he was repudiated. But God remains true. He that believes His prophets shall prosper.

The following quotations are taken from William Branham who is a vindicated prophet of God to this last age. We find that God sends forth His divine Presence to back up the Message that He gives to his Prophets. **Thus Saith the Lord** is spoken by that Prophet and these are not just some sort of opening statement that sounds good. "**Thus saith Lord**" means exactly what it says, "**The Lord Has Said THUS!**"

E-16 Expectations 50-0405 *Gifts and callings are without repentance. There is spirits that's in the Church. That's true, such as gifts of prophecy, healing, and so forth. But they're in the entire body. They may fall upon one person tonight, a prophecy, and It might not never fall on that person again; It might be somewhere else in the body. And those spirits are supposed to be judged. "Let one speak and two or three judge," said Paul. Now, those are the spirits of the gifts that's in the Church. **But the only person that has a right to say, THUS SAITH THE LORD, is an a vindicated prophet.** You never seen anybody judging Isaiah, or Jeremiah, or those people. They were prophets, foreordained and born in the world to be prophets. And they foresaw the thing by a vision, and then said, "**THUS SAITH THE LORD,**" for **the Lord had already said it.** So what the Church needs today, is a good old fashion teaching of the Gospel. That's right. To know where they... I don't mean just educated teaching; I mean spiritual teaching. Some people speaks about God, and--and knows nothing of Him. You don't... See, you must get down and deal with the actual spirit itself, you see, to know what you're speaking of.*

E-61 Expectations 50-0405 *Now, **Moses could only perform these miracles, but the people had to believe him.** That was the vindication that he was sent of God. You understand? **It a vindicated his word to be true.** If any man says anything and **God testifies not that, then the man is wrong.** But **if the man says something, and God testifies behind that, then that man is right.** See? Not only once, but over and over and over; it has to be the... a time. Now, Moses did that and proved to the people.*

Let us pray...