

## Unveiling of God no 94

*Two Vines - Shared attributes leads to Balaamism*

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This morning I would like to examine the fifth shared attribute between the True Vine and the False Vine and that is this, that both True and False Vine sincerely offer sacrifice to God.

**5. Therefore: Both True and False Vine sincerely offer sacrifice to God, yes sincerely.**

Now, this is significant because so far in our series we have seen that both the True Vine and False Vine are given birth during the same revival. And being that this birth is brought forth during a Revival, even this end time revival as William Branham spoke concerning the revival associated around His ministry, that would mean that both True and False Vine believe in the same God and we also see that being it is a revival that caused their birth, therefore both True and False Vine are Religious, having been birthed through the same Revival. And not only are these Two Vines Religious, but we have also found that because their birth was during the same Revival that naturally they both worship God, and not only do they worship God, but they worship the very same God.

These 4 attributes they share because they were birthed at the same revival.

Now, that brings us this morning to the fifth shared attribute of that revival birth and that is that not only do they worship the same God but that worship leads them to do sacrifice to God as well.

So we should ask the question then, "*what does it mean to do sacrifice unto God?*" And we find our answer from the Apostle Paul in **Romans 12**.

**Romans 12:1** *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **ye present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Ok, so we see then that the sacrifice we are looking at is not any longer the Old Testament kind of sacrifice that we saw back there where men would offer to God the blood of bulls and goats for atonement for their sin. For The Apostle Paul tells us that was all done away in the sacrifice of God's first born son, Jesus.

**Hebrews 10:1** *For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, **can never** with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually **make the comers thereunto perfect**. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? (in other words, if they had become perfect there would not be any more need to do sacrifice.) **because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins**. 3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, **Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure**. (So God took no pleasure in men's sacrifices, because they continued*

in sin. Now that ought to tell you more about the once for all sacrifice of the first born son, and this sacrifice Paul speaks of in **Romans 12**. And in the next verse we read in Hebrews 10 we see what that sacrifice of Jesus was all about.

*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 wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein;** which are offered by the law; 9 Then said he, Lo, **I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first,** (he taketh away the old testament sacrifice which could not change the heart and will of man,) **that he may establish the second.** (That He may establish the heart of man.) 10 **By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.** 11 **And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:** 12 **But this man,** after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God; 13 **From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.** 14 **For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.***

Now, in getting back to **Romans 12:1** *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

Now, the Apostle Paul is not contradicting his own words in **Hebrews 10** concerning the **once and for all sacrifice of Christ** for all of our sins, but rather he is establishing that the sacrifice we present to God is the changed heart that has been reborn in the likeness of His Son.

So we want to look at this idea that both the True Vine and the False Vine do sacrifice unto God, but as it was with Cain, God does not accept one type of sacrifice whereas with Abel He accepted another kind of Sacrifice. Now, don't get your focus on what Abel sacrificed, because that is the sacrifice that was done away with in Christ.

We are told by in **Hebrews 11:4** *By Faith, (by revelation) Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, (rightly wise) *God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh**

By Revelation, so it was not a sacrifice he came up with out of his own mind or intellect. But rather it was something that God had revealed for him to do, and he did it in obedience to God. And that is all **John 14:12** is all about. It is all about obedience to God. For no man can do the things of God, except God do them through them. *For it is God which worketh in you both to will and then to do His good pleasure. **Philippians 2:13***

So let's go back to the book of **Genesis** to see this great thing that happened to Abel, that the Apostle Paul speaks of in **Hebrews 11**.

The Bible says in **Genesis 4:3** *And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.* So here we see in verse **3** the very first offering or sacrifice made to God was by Cain. It does not say that Abel was first to do sacrifice, but very plainly says it was Cain that was the first one to do sacrifice to God. Then we read in verse **4** *And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:*

Notice those words, "*And Abel, he also*" This tells us that Cain was the first one to do sacrifice to God and then Abel also. In fact the Strong's concordance shows this word "*also*" used in speaking of Abel's sacrifice actually means "*afterwards*". This is very plain here.

But notice, even though Cain was the first one off the starting blocks so to speak, yet God did not have respect for his sacrifice. Now, naturally you would think, Cain was the first one and therefore what Abel did was to copy his brother. But that is not how God saw it. He saw how that Abel waited to sacrifice until God showed him how and what to sacrifice. Therefore Abel showing complete dependence upon God for showing Him what to do with what he had been given.

And this is what the apostle Paul is alluding to in **Romans 12** when he said, according to the **GW** version **Romans 12:1** *Brothers and sisters, in view of all we have just shared about God's compassion, I encourage you to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, dedicated to God and pleasing to him. This kind of worship is appropriate for you. <sup>2</sup> Don't become like the people of this world. Instead, **change the way you think.** Then you will always be able to determine what God really wants—what is good, pleasing, and perfect.*

Let me read this from several other translations so we get a better picture of what the Apostle Paul is speaking of here. And then see if this is not the exact thing that Christ Jesus did with his once for all sacrifice to God for us.

From **The Message version Romans 12:1-2** *So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.*

**Romans 12:1-2** *Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your spiritual act of worship. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world any longer with its superficial values and customs, but be transformed and progressively changed as you mature spiritually by the renewing of your mind, focusing on godly values and attitudes, so that you may prove for yourselves what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect in His plan and purpose for you.*

Now, if we combine what Paul says here in **Romans 12:1-2** with what he says in **Philippians 2:13** we read it as this. *Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your minds and your bodies to the will of God and to the power of God working and energizing you to become an obedient self-sacrificial son which is your spiritual act of worship.*

Now, let's go back and see how God responded to Cain's sacrifice which actually was an excellent sacrifice because it was a harvest season or rapture season sacrifice. But notice Abel's was a more excellent sacrifice than Cain's, meaning that since Cain's sacrifice is found

in **Deuteronomy 26** as the Harvest season sacrifice yet it was not looked upon by God favorably because it was out of season. ***For without the shedding of Blood there is no remission of sin*** which the Apostle Paul said in **Hebrews 9:22**.

Therefore Cain's sacrifice although Biblical, yet it was out of season, and therefore God had no respect for it. So Cain knew the plan of God, and he prepared a rapture sacrifice, and when his firstborn came along he was named Enoch as well, knowing the Enoch was to be raptured according to the Word of God as written in the constellations.

***5 But unto Cain and to his offering he (God) had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. 6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.***

So why does it say that ***God had respect unto Abel's sacrifice but not unto Cain's?***

Well, first of all the word ***respect*** means ***to hold in esteem or honor, to show regard or consideration for.***

So if Abel's sacrifice caught the attention of God it is because it reflected the very ***doxa*** of God, which is ***the estimation or values of God.*** It was meritorious in that it reflected what God accepted, and Cain's was ***not respected*** nor ***esteemed*** because it did not reflect or show what God valued.

So what was it that God values more than anything? ***His own Word.*** And the apostle Paul told us in **Hebrews 11:4** ***By faith (by Revelation) Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.***

Notice Cain came forth first to worship God but he brought his own ideas of what he thought would be acceptable to God which was beauty and bounty. But God looked at the fact that Abel's sacrifice reflected ***the doxa of God, the opinions, values, and judgments of God.*** The very thoughts of God's plan for his life. And ***by Revelation he offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than that of Cain.*** So both the True Vine and False Vine make sincere sacrifice to God. But it is not the sacrifice that counts but the reflection of the ideal of God in that sacrifice that counts. And that is why God respected Abel's while having no respect for Cain's.

Let's look at another set of Twins, - Moses and Balaam.

Brother Branham said from his sermon **Jesus Christ the same 55-0806 P:41** ***Look at Korah, Moab in the Bible, when Israel came up. There was Moab, come from the sons of Lot, which was by his daughter. And they had a great place, a great church. And when they come down to curse Israel, why, (1) they built the same kind of altars, (2) prayed to the same God, (3) made the same sacrifices, bullocks. And they offered a sheep, representing the coming of Christ. And (4) fundamentally speaking, everything that Moses was offering down there, Balaam was offering up here. So if God only requires fundamental teaching as intellectual, God could not refuse Balaam's offering. But the reason, why did He refuse Balaam and accept Moses, is because there was signs and wonders. God was a vindicating.***

*They had Divine healing, a brass serpent. They had a smitten rock. They had joy. **They had a leading Spirit. They had a Pillar of Fire.** They had everything among them, signs and wonders, God proving that He had accepted them.*

Now, I want you to think about what he just said here for a moment. He said, "*the reason, why did He refuse Balaam and accept Moses, is because **there was signs and wonders,** because **God was a vindicating.** They had Divine healing, a brass serpent. They had a smitten rock. They had joy. **They had a leading Spirit. They had a Pillar of Fire.** They had everything among them, signs and wonders, God proving that He had accepted them.*

Now, all those things that God did in a supernatural way could not be produced by Balaam and the children of Moab no more than by any other human group of people.

So when you get right down to it, the only way they could have had signs among them is because God Supernatural Presence was among them. That's it. God did not approve of the because of the signs and wonders, because the signs and wonders were an act of God. So to say God accepted them because of what God did for them you would have to say that God rejected Moab for what God did not do for them.

Therefore if Moab had signs and wonders God would God have received them, and the answer is not in the signs and wonders but in God Himself. The reason why there were signs and wonders was in God's choosing. Israel had no more to do with it than Moab had to do with not having them.

Brother Branham says, *They had a smitten rock. They had joy. **They had a leading Spirit. They had a Pillar of Fire.** and as a result they had the signs and wonders which is an indication that a supernatural being is in their midst.*

The reason I don't want you to get this wrong is because in this hour we have the anointing for everyone, but what makes the difference is what they teach? False anointed ones at the end time, the anointing is the same but what makes them false is what they teach.

Now, let's look at another thought that brother Branham lays out for us in his sermon **Seed of discrepancy 65-0118 P:28** where he says, "**Notice this great thing that Balaam did; it went on and on, and finally ended in the coming of Judas Iscariot, and Jesus. What was it? Judas and Jesus was just exactly a figure of Cain and Abel. For as Judas was religious, so was Cain religious. Cain built an altar; he made a sacrifice; he worshipped God; he was just as sincere in it as the other one was. But, you see, he didn't have the revelation of what the Word was.** He thought it was Adam and Eve had eat some apples or some fruit. And Cain... **Abel by revelation knowed that was wrong; it was the blood that brought them out, and he offered a lamb. And God testified his offering was right. Then he (Cain)got jealous and tried to kill his brother. And as he killed his brother upon the same altar that his sacrifice died on, the lamb died upon the altar, so did Judas Iscariot betray Jesus Christ upon the altar of God, and killed Him just as Cain killed Abel. Because Cain was the seed of discrepancy. And so was Balaam, the hireling prophet, a man who ought to knowed better. And God warned him through signs and wonders, and even a mule speaking in unknown tongues, and still he went right on just the same. He was born to be a sower of the discrepancy.**

Notice brother Branham says, Balaam had signs and wonders also. He said, God warned him through signs and wonders, and even a mule speaking in unknown tongues, and still he went right on just the same. He was born to be a sower of the discrepancy.

So what is this discrepancy he's talking about here. The word discrepancy means *the state or quality of being discrepant or in disagreement, as by displaying an unexpected or unacceptable difference; inconsistency: an instance of difference or inconsistency:*

So we can see that the False Vine is False Vine not because they share some of the same attributes as the True Vine, but **they are false because they are discrepant, different, and inconsistent** when it comes to the Word of God.

From his sermon **Five identifications 60-0911E P:40** brother Branham said, "*When Israel come up out of Egypt. There was **Moab, the great organized country.** There was also **Esau, the great organized country.** And here was **Israel, an undenominational, coming along: both of them, fundamentally, in the Word.** Remember, **Balaam offered the same sacrifice that Israel offered, seven altars. God's requirement.** Seven clean sacrifices, seven rams speaking of the coming of the Just One. Fundamentally, they were both right, speaking fundamentally.*

So let's just stop for a moment to contemplate what he is now saying here.

**Both worshipped the same.** Right? Both sincerely made the same sacrifices to the same God, right? *Seven bullocks, speaking of the seven churches, and seven rams speaking of the coming of the just one which is Messiah,* right? So you might think in a carnal sense, "why was one justified and the other was not justified?" "Why was one right and the other wrong." They both sang the same songs in their churches. They both taught from the same Bible, They both presented the same fundamental Biblical teachings. They both worshipped the same God and they both made the same identical sacrifices to God. So *why did God have respect* unto one group and not to the other? Now, just hold onto that thought as we read some more.

From his sermon **Modern events made clear by prophecy 65-1206 P:44** Brother Branham said, "*Now, we find out, Balaam, of course, he couldn't see. He went out and looked upon the people, said, "Now, just a minute. We're a great, big people up here, you're just a scattered bunch." You see? "And we all believe the same God." That's true. (1)They all believed the same God; (2) they all worshipped Jehovah. (3)Look at Balaam's sacrifice: seven altars, God's perfect number, the seven churches (See?); seven rams, speaking of the coming of the Lord. (4)Fundamentally he was just as fundamental as Moses was; but (You see?),(5) there wasn't a Divine vindication. (6) In there they were both prophets. But under Moses' ministry, there was a supernatural Pillar of Fire, a Light that hung with the camp. There was Divine healing; there was a shout of the King in the camp, great signs, Divine healing, and wonders and things performed among them.*

And why was there all this in Moses camp and not Balaam's? He tells us in the next thought... It was a sign of a living God among His people. Fundamentally, they was both right. And Balaam tried to persuade the people, and bewitched them into it. When?

*Just before they reached the promised land. Another day or two, they'd been in the promised land.*

So what was this bewitchment of the people? because brother Branham let's us know that this bewitchment came right before the people were to cross over, and because of this bewitchment they did not enter into the promise and had to remain for another 40 years wandering which we know he types wandering with people wondering many times. In other words when their minds wander they begin to wonder.

**Fellowship through reconciliation 55-0605 P:20** *Now, when God had them in His perfect control, they walked with Him and talked with Him in the garden. But as soon as he lost his fellowship with God, he become a wanderer, wondering around, no place to go, tossed about. That's the way a man becomes today. Here it is, now listen. When a man comes out of fellowship with God, **he becomes a wanderer, going about joining one church and leaving that one and joining another.** They don't satisfy him here; he goes over to the Methodist; from Methodist he goes to Baptist, and to the Pentecostal, to the Pilgrim Holiness, from place to place, wondering about, because he's lost fellowship, fellowship with God. **You refuse a church of this and a church of that, maybe it's you.** Just find fellowship and anywhere is home sweet home, as long as you have fellowship with the Lord. Amen. That's kinda hard, but that's good. That kinda straighten you up, get...?... There's more vitamins in that, than all the drugs stores there is in the city's got. Amen. **Give you joy, peace, understanding, confidence when you have fellowship with the Lord.***

Now, notice in the book of **Jude 1:11** we read, *"**Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. 12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; 13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.**"*

Now, notice these ones who have falled for the doctrine of Balaam are called wandering stars. From his sermon **The Greatest battle ever fought 62-0311 P:40** brother Branham tells us what this means. *"As the Bible speaks, "**Wandering stars** (over in the book of **Jude**), **foaming out their own shame...**" And we don't want to be **wandering stars**: wonder if this is right, wonder if that's right, **wonder** if it will happen, **wonder** how it could be. **Don't wonder**, stay like those stars of the heaven as a real soldier at his post of duty. Stand there believing. Life and death..."*

Again we read in **2 Peter 2:15** *Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;*

Now, you might say, I don't get it. Balaam had forsaken the right way? I thought **he worshipped the same Jehovah as Moses?** I thought **he was just as fundamental in his sacrifice as Moses?** Then how could he **have forsaken the right way** if what he did was as fundamentally the same as Moses and the one whom He worshipped was the same God?

But notice there is something we haven't looked at yet. **Jude** tells us *they ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward*. So what was this *error of Balaam*? And why did Peter also speak of Balaam *loving the wages of unrighteousness*.

Well, let's look at the error of Balaam first. Balaam was a hireling prophet of God. He was in it for the money. He was hired to go and curse Israel but He knew from what God said to Abraham that *He that blesses Israel will be blessed and he that curses Israel will be cursed*.

People want to give Balaam credit for saying "*he that blesses Israel will be blessed and he that curses Israel will be cursed*" and they act as though that was straight from God's lips to Balaam's lips, but that didn't come to Balaam first, that came from Isaac who said it as he laid hands on Jacob whose name was changed to Israel after he received those words in the birth right prayer of Isaac to him. And being that Moab were the children of Lot who was Abraham's nephew which would make them cousin to Isaac, they would have known what God said through Isaac to his son Israel. So Balaam being a prophet also knew the Word of God, and he quoted it to Balak, the King of Moab. But notice God told him his will and what to do, and he kept going back to God to see if God would change His mind about His Word. And what motivated him to do so? The money. He kept going for the money and honour and fame, and God had to send an angel with a sword drawn to get him to stop on his way to curse Israel. So we are looking at our motives here. Why do we do what we do? Is it for money, or is it in obedience to God?

That is why I tell the brothers when I am invited to hold minister meetings in certain places, I tell them I have to know the mind of God whether to go or not. I just don't go to be seen, nor do I go to be popular, because believe me the Bible says, "*A prophet (a preacher) is not without honor except among his own people.*"

**Mark 6:4** *But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.*

And I believe that is because his own family and his own people have their eyes on the vessel and not on the God he is serving.

we read in **Genesis 27:26** *And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. 27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed: 28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: 29 Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: **cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.***

Now compare that with what Balaam says in **Numbers 24:8** *God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows. 9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? **Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.***

One last Scripture on Balaam we see in **Revelation 2:14** *But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.*

So what was the doctrine of Balaam? It was getting the people together because they worshipped the same God, getting the people together because they were the same fundamentally, getting the people together because they held to the same sacrifices, the same song book, the same worship, getting the people together because everything seemed to be the same, so naturally they thought, "*why not get together*"?

But we are warned of this in the **Church Age Book Chapter 10 - Resume of the Ages P:17** *This second step was the doctrine of Balaam, (described in **Revelation 2:14**) wherein *Balaam taught Balac to stumble the children of Israel by a 'united meeting.'* *There the guests would do two more things contrary to the Word of God. You will recall that Balac needed help to keep his kingdom. He called on the most dominant spiritual figure of his day, Balaam. Balaam gave the advice that trapped and destroyed Israel. It was, first of all, to suggest that they all get together and talk things over, and eat together and get things ironed out. After all, understanding each other goes a long way. Once you accomplish that you can go from there. The next step would be worshipping together, and of course, a little pressure from the host usually makes the guests go a lot further than they intended. Now that didn't only happen back there to God's church of the Old Testament but it happened to the church of the New Testament, for there was an emperor, who like Balac needed help to secure his kingdom. So Constantine invited the nominal Christian, First Christian Church of Rome, to help him get the Christians behind him, as they were a very large body. The outcome was the Nicene Council of 325. There the Christians, both true and nominal, came together at the invitation of Constantine. The true Christians had no business even going up to the meeting. In spite of all Constantine could do to unite them all, the real believers knew they were out of place and left. But to those who remained, Constantine gave of the state's treasury along with political and physical force. The people were introduced to idol worship and spiritism, for statues with names of saints were placed in the buildings and the people were taught to commune with the dead, or pray to saints which is nothing more nor less than spiritism. For the food that man truly needs, even the Word of God, they were given creeds, and dogmas and rituals which were also enforced by the state, and above all they were given three gods with the triple compound name of the One True God, and water baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ gave way to the pagan baptism of three titles.**

Again from the **Church Age Book Chapter 10 - Resume of the Ages P:19** we read, "*Now watch this doctrine of Balaam most carefully. Notice above all, that it is the deliberate maneuver of a corrupt clergy to bind the people to them, by leading the people deliberately into the sin of unbelief. The Nicolaitane doctrine was the corruption of the clergy as they sought political power amongst themselves, while Balaamism is the subjection of the people to their system of creed and worship in order to hold them. Now watch this carefully. What was it that bound the people to the nominal church and thereby destroyed them? It was the creeds and dogmas formed into church tenets. It was the doctrine of the **Roman Catholic Church**. They were not given the true food, the Word. They were given the*

food that came from idol worship, **Babylonian paganism wrapped up in Christian terminology.** And **that very same spirit and doctrine** is right amongst all Protestants and it is called **DENOMINATION**. Nicolaitanism is organization, humanizing the leadership of the church, and thereby deposing the Spirit. **Balaamism is denominationalism which takes the church manual instead of the Bible.** And right to this hour, many of God's people are caught in the snare of denominationalism and God is crying to them, "**Come out of her My people, lest ye be partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not her plagues.**" You see they are ignorant. But if the rapture should take place at this moment, ignorance would be no court of appeal from the judgment of God for being in the wrong ranks.

**Church Age Book Chapter 5 - The Pergamean Church Age P:137** When Balaam asked God for permission to go, **God turned him down.** My that stung! But **Balak insisted, promising him even greater rewards and honor. So Balaam went back to God. Now one answer from God should have been enough. But not for self-willed Balaam.** When God saw his perversity, He told him to get up and go. Quickly he saddled the donkey and away he went. He should have realized that this was simply God's permissive will and he wouldn't be able to curse them if he went twenty times and tried twenty times. **How like Balaam are people today!** They believe in three Gods, get baptized in three titles instead of the NAME, and yet God will send the Spirit upon them as He did upon Balaam, and they will go on believing that they are exactly right, and here **they are actually perfect Balaamites.** See, **the doctrine of Balaam. Go ahead anyway. Do it your way.** They say, "**Well, God has blessed us. It must be all right.**" I know He has blessed you. I don't deny that. But it's the same organizational route that Balaam took. **It's defiance to God's Word. It's false teaching.**

And finally we read in **Church Age Book Chapter 5 - The Pergamean Church Age P:100** In this Pergamean Age the Lord denounces two doctrines which He hates: 1. **The doctrine of Balaam** which brought idolatry and sinful excesses to Israel at Baal-Peor,...

So **the doctrine of Balaam** which is to keep asking God until He gives you his permissive will, has one purpose in mind, and that is reward. **They erred in the doctrine of Balaam for reward.** That is the motive for people who keep going back to God to get a different answer when He tells you once and that should be enough.

From his sermon **Seed of discrepancy 65-0118 P:26** Brother Branham said, "**What happened? The church just got started out of Egypt, on its feet a few days, and what happened? Satan come along with his discrepancy** in the person, the second Cain, which was Balaam, and **he sowed discrepancy** amongst them. We know that's right, that Balaam, **the teaching of Balaam,** that "**we're all the same, we serve the same God you do.**" **Fundamentally, he was right, because he offered a sacrifice that God offered:** seven rams, seven bullocks on seven altars, and **prayed to the same God** just as perfect as Moses did down in the wilderness, just exactly the same. But **they were not the same,** foreshadowing to us what would come to pass. There was again Cain manifested in the person of Balaam. And there was God manifested in the person of Moses, interpreting His Words through a human being, making Himself known, His promise, through a human being. And the discrepancy raised up. So did it do it in the time of Judas; there he come with his discrepancy.

We are told that ***the two spirits would be so close at the end time that all would be deceived by it except the very elect of God.*** So close? Yes, **they worship alike, sing the same songs out of the same songbook, make the same sacrifices, do the same actions, talk the same talk, walk the same walk, yet one has the Holy Ghost and the other does not.** He has a make belief Holy Ghost, but just as Balaam got the people together at ***Baal Peor***, and taught them to go for excess and led them into fornication, so too has the doctrine of Balaam led this movement of God under the Pillar of fire into excesses and fornicating doctrine.

From his sermon **The Ten Virgins 60-1211M P:84** "Now, you remember that they ***everyone was on their road to meet the Bridegroom.*** Now, if God only respects that, then He'd have to take them too. But you remember the same thing, how the parable the other night, when God spoke up to us in the church age and said that Balaam, **the doctrine of Balaam...** Now, here stood Balaam, which was a fine, great big organized nation. And **they were believers in God,** because look what Balac done when he come down, Balaam, rather. He offered the **very same sacrifice to the very same God** that Israel had: Israel's God, Jehovah. And he made seven altars. Seven is God's complete number."

Again from his sermon **Results of decision 55-1008 P:60** **Balaam was just as orthodox as Moses was.** Now, look, here's seven altars, seven clean sacrifices, seven rams a burning up here on the hill, with all the celebrity, the high priests, or whatever it was, and all of them standing around the smoldering sacrifices praying to Jehovah God. **Just perfect according to God's requirement.** God required seven altars, seven sacrifices, and everyone who believed that the Messiah would come, they'd burn a ram for it, believing that He was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. **They were very orthodox.** Now, look. Up here on the hill is a fine organized nation of people, **all believing in Jehovah God,** with a great fine minister, fine scholar, educated, stand up there, and all the celebrities standing around the smoldering fires, **exactly just as Scriptural as could it could be, every Word of it orthodox.** Down there in the valley, was a bunch of people that had no homes to go to. They claimed to be pilgrims and strangers. They wasn't organized. They were dwelling in tents, and they were... had seven altars, seven bullocks, and seven rams. Orthodox, one was just the same as the other. **If God only requires you to be orthodox to the Word, then He would be wrong to condemn Moab and accept Israel.**

And from his sermon **I will restore 54-0620A P:47** See **these two coming up together?** There they was, right along about here now. One's fundamental, just as fundamental as Cain was, just as fundamental as Abel was. And here they are just **as fundamental as Moses, so was Balaam, both of them, the same sacrifice.** Perhaps I'd make it like this, for today: **Both reading out of the same Bible.** What made the difference? If they were fundamental, if they were church members, if they were believers on God... **They wasn't worshipping an idol.** They were worshipping God, **the same God they were worshipping.** But the difference of it was, **they have glory down here; they had signs, wonders, and miracles; and they had nothing but fundamentalism.** See? Hallelujah. **They had a Pillar of Fire hanging over them. They had signs and wonders in the camp.** When they got sick, they had a healing Rock. Hallelujah. **God was a vindicating His people.** Both of them was fundamental, but He said, "This is it." God's doing the same thing today. Hallelujah. That vine's coming on up, going on up through the clouds now. We're getting ready for the rapture.

God of this evil age 65-0801M P:63 Notice. Jesus said, "**As it was in days of Noah, so will it be in the coming of the Son of man.**" When they all tried to marry... Now, watch, **the sons of God married the pretty daughters of men, and God never did forgive them for it. Just the same as Balaam's teaching that he caused the pretty, intellectual, scientific women of Moab with their flirty eyes, her paints and powders, her fine perfumes, to entice the sons of God against their own women that worked and had calluses in their hands with no makeup on, enticed them over, and, "Let us marry one another, because we're all the same people." That was a lie. It +was a lie and an achievement of the devil to get the sons of God to marry the daughters of men. It was a lie of the devil for Balaam, that false prophet, to try to prophesy against Moses that tried to hold the race together, to say, "**Well, we believe the same God. We offer the same offerings. We have the same sacrifices. We do everything just alike.**" **So close that would deceive the Elected if possible.** See? Come away from her people. You have nothing to do with her.**

Let us pray