

#108 Your actions speak louder than your words

1 Romans 2: 5-11 But according to thy hardness and unrepentant heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; 6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds: 7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: 8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation, wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; 10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: 11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

2 Now, we have both a status and a state, and that state is our current standing in which we now find our selves. Now, our status is that we are sons, but our state is where along the predestined path are we concerning the spirit of adoption. Ephesians 1: 3-5 tells us that although God has chosen us in Him before the foundations of the world and that we should be holy in His presence, yet we do not always see this reflected in our present condition. Tat's 1 John 3: 1-2. Therefore, not seeing what God sees we can get discouraged.

3 Therefore, if God chose us to be a certain way then He had to have a plan to get us there. This is call predestination and is different from election in that election is the choosing out and positionally placing as sons whereas predestination is the plan to get you their and the implementation of that plan.

4 Romans 2:11 For there is no respect of persons with God. 12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; 13 (For not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. 14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: 15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and [their] thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

5 Here Paul is teaching us that it is the Jew who would say, we know the law and therefore we do the law and they go before God with an attitude that says, we are the seed of Abraham and therefore we should reap the inheritance of Abraham and anything contrary we do not think that we should reap. Now, the gentiles have a different argument against receiving the judgment of God and that is the gentile would say, we never knew the law therefore we can not be guilty of breaking the law. And Paul's answer to both of them is that it is not what you know or do not know, but it is what you have sewn that matters. In verse 6 he said that God will render unto every man according to the deeds that have been done in the flesh. He is telling them that although they have never received the revealed law as did the Jew, they did however receive the law of God written in their own hearts and they can not escape the fact that they did not know better, because they did.

6 You can go into heathen countries like Japan and they have laws against killing and against lying and against stealing and against committing adultery and against fraud and against libel and slander and etc., etc., etc. They do not have these laws because they believe in the One true God, but they have these laws because God had written them in each man as part of His great creation. Notice back in chapter one, He said, Romans 1: 19 ¶ Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them;...Man was created in the image of God and therefore they are without excuse. They don't believe not because they haven't had the opportunity, but because they refuse the light and turn it down.

7 Let's turn to [John 3: 18-21]

8 Notice also in [1 John 2: 19-23] This goes for all the Truth. They leave it because they do not believe it, and thus they say no to it and turn against it.

9 Brother Branham told us that when God gave him his commission it was from [2 Tim 4 1-5] Notice that at the end-time they shall turn away their own ears from hearing the Truth. I don't see anyone out here twisting arms. We've had people leave this church, and the message entirely and I don't recall one person being told to leave. A few I would rather did not come back once they left, but no one was forced to leave.

10 But they willfully turn away from the Truth. It is in their will to do so or not do so and they chose to do so, therefore the onus is on them and no one is responsible except for themselves. Now, in [1 Tim 4:1] we are told that at the end-time some will depart from THE FAITH, and we know it is because they will take heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. But they are not forced to do so. (Read)

11 Notice in brother Branham's commission verse 3 the scripture says that they will heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. Now this does not tell us that the teachers have itching ears, but the people have itching ears and they heap to themselves teachers who will scratch their itch. The Wuest translation says, "For the time will come when they will not endure our wholesome doctrine in that they will hold themselves firmly against it, but, dominated by their own personal cravings, they having ears that desire merely to be gratified, shall gather themselves together an accumulation of teachers. In fact from the truth they also will avert their ears, and as a result, they shall receive a moral twist which will cause them to believe that which is fictitious.

12 The Weymouth Translation says, "For a time is coming when they will no longer tolerate wholesome instruction, but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will turn away from listening to the truth and will turn aside to fables.

13 And the Amplified version says, For the time is coming when people will not tolerate sound doctrine and wholesome instruction, but having ears itching for something pleasing and gratifying, they will gather to themselves, one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors that they hold.

14 [Hosea 4:9] And there shall be like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.

15 The scripture plainly tells us here that God will allow to be raised up a ministry that will speak to the people the things they like to hear. You know, that is everywhere you look today.

16 And let's face it, when brother Branham said, "How we ought to love one another, you that love this Word." He was just speaking of the principal or the law of reproduction. Like things will gather together with like things. Birds of a feather will flock together. And that is every where. There are hardly any wars which are not brought on by religion. The Baptist love the Baptist, and they call one-another Brother. The Methodist love Methodist. The Pentecostal love Pentecostal. The Muslim loves Muslim, and Catholic loves the Catholic. Why even the agnostic gathers around other agnostics. Why? Because every seed must bring forth after their own kind. There really is no mystery here.

17 And why are we here tonight. Let's face it. You are here because you believe that God is here. We believe this message the same way. We find ourselves hearing brother Branham telling us things in a way that we don't hear repeated in the other local churches. You go to Middletown and you won't hear this Message brought out the

same way. You can go to Fairborn and the same thing applies. Why? You tell me.

18 Does that make us something? No, it doesn't. We believe we have the Truth, and they believe that they have the Truth. The Catholic believes that He has the Truth, and so does the Muslim. But then who is right? And that is why we are different. we focus on vindication. Yes, vindication. Not as others teach it that we are vindicated. But we believe that God Himself does the vindicating by His very presence, and that He has spoken through a vessel, a prophet who was so yielded to His Divine Word that He spoke Thus Saith the Lord. Now the Muslim believes they are following a prophet of God, but they do not understand vindication. The Pentecostal believer in this Message believe they are following a prophet, and so they are and yet because they do not understand vindication, they do not know what to believe except that God sent a prophet.

19 In Moses day the Egyptians followed their priests and their leader pharaoh, which brother Branham called him pastor pharaoh, but the children of Israel followed a prophet that was vindicated by God's Presence among them. After a while some of the men who also wanted to be leaders rose up and they pointed to themselves just as Lucifer did in the beginning. They saw the Exodus as an opportunity to be something more than what they were called to do, and so they rose up and defied Moses.

20 For you see, they had to first depose Moses in front of the people in order to elevate themselves. Lucifer had to exalt himself above the stars in order to make himself more important and give himself a position that was beyond what he was called to do.