

#162 Ripening under the SON

1 Now, this evening we will continue with the sermon of brother Branham's the Spoken Word is the Original Seed paragraph 7 Now, the rain we found out was the Spirit. And now, we left off at where I gave my thoughts of what the whole thing will be. That is, I believe that the rain has been brought, the rain. That is the reason we are quieting down, because the ground's already sowed over. You can't find anywhere hardly but what's been sowed. And it's went out through radio, television, tapes, word, everything; it's sowed the country down. It's planted seeds. Now, what seeds was planted, you cannot get nothing else from it but what seeds that was planted. Can you understand now? It'll be the seed that's planted. Now, the Spirit will fall, but It'll bring a harvest of the seed that It falls on. Now, remember.

2 Now, we know that there are only two seeds sown, an organizational seed and the Word seed, which must lay in the presence of the SON to ripen as brother Branham told us in so many places, because we need to sweeten up in our spirit.

3 GOD'S ONLY PROVIDED PLACE OF WORSHIP 65-1128M 40 020 I believe the church is begin to hear the message, and beginning to understand. But, friends, listen, we've got to lay in the Presence of the Son; we've got to be ripened. Our--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.

4 3 Therefore, this evening I would like to examine this ripening process that we must go through. Since we examined this process last week, I would like to turn our attention, not so much on the process itself, but on this SON which we must lay in, in order to bring on this ripening process. Because after all, unless we lay in the presence of this SON, we will not receive this ripening process and therefore will not become ripe, or mature, or made ready. We will not tender up, nor will we become sweet in our spirit. Therefore, it is necessary that we lay in the Presence of the correct source of Light. And this Light that we are told to lay in is the Presence of THE SON.

5 We are promised that God will send forth His SON in the form of the SUN of Righteousness. And this SUN will have a two-fold ministry. This same SUN will harden some while it will warm and soften and bring to LIFE others. He tells us in the book of Malachi that this SUN will bring forth a light that will heal, yet will also burn up others.

6 MALACHI 4:1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. 3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do [this], saith the LORD of hosts. 4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, [with] the statutes and judgments. 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their

fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

7 ZECHARIAH 14:6 6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, [nor] dark: 7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that] at evening time it shall be light. 8 And it shall be in that day, [that] living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. 9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

8 PSALMS 27:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

9 PROVERBS 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

10 Rapture the 65-1204 P:35 See, try to hold it over. But that's been the attitude of the church. A revival goes forth, and the first thing you know, within about three years they start an organization over it. The denomination starts a organization. But have you noticed, this has been sweeping for twenty years now, and there's no organization, and there never will be. This is the end. The wheat's come back to the wheat again. The wheat's come back to its grain. The shuck has pulled away from it. And the wheat must lay in the presence of the sun to be ripened.

11 Man running from presence 65-0217 P:21 I believe we have Truth. I'm satisfied with that. And I believe the wheat is absolutely, the shucks pulling away from it. You know? And to see... I may give a little prelude on that tomorrow night (See?), how the shuck's pulling away from the wheat. But the wheat has to lay in the presence of the sun to ripen. And that's what we're here for, friends. Stay in the Presence of the Son till our little group of people here, till it becomes so ripe to Christ, that it becomes bread on His table. That's what I want it to do. And now, before we approach the Word after reciting poems and so forth, let's pray again. Then we're going to take a text.

12 Things that are to be 65-1205 P:65 Now, remember, in every reformation we've had on all those Lutherans and so forth, in three years they organized. That's right. Every revival brought a organization in three years. Think how long this has been going on: twenty something years and no organizations. Why? It's the seed coming, forming under the husk like this. Laying out now, it's got to lay in the presence of the sun to ripen into the glorious grain like the One that went into the first. The real church that went down first, It's coming right back up through the stalk to come out another church. When the combine comes to pick it up, the Life that went down in Luther, the Life that went down in the Methodist, the Life that went down in the Pentecostal will come into the grain; it'll all go right into the grain and go out, forming the perfect Body of Jesus Christ.

13 Invisible union of the bride 65-1125 P:79 Then what happens? When the grain begins to grow and it gets bigger, so it can cover over something, the denomination pulls away from it." Why ain't we got a denomination out of this?" They never will be. It's the grain. It can't go no farther. We're at the end-time. What does it have to do now? Lay in the presence of the sun to be ripened. That's exactly. The Word to be ripened into your heart to bring forth and live what we're talking about. Yes, sir. Then you'll have no more doubts, if you let the Holy Spirit reveal it to you like the queen said about Daniel.

14 Trying to do God a service 65-1127B P:111 I heard a guy say one time, said, "I believe that man prays for the sick; I believe it's fine. But as being a prophet," said, "I believe he's God's prophet; but as a teacher, why, he's a Jesus only." What a... What kind of a person would you call that? A man doesn't know what he's talking about. The very word "prophet" means that "he is a revealer of the Word of God"; the interpretation only comes to that.

And that's why today we're in such a need of this great person that's supposed to be sent to us in the form of the prophet Elijah, because it'll be the revelation of God made known to us by vindication, showing that it's the day and the hour and the season that God promised it to be in. And remember, he'll be spoken against; always has been, always will be. Rejected, just like the shuck will pull... First he'll be accepted, because the shuck only holds the wheat until it's able to get forth to the sun. Pentecost will only sheltered the message, giving it an open door until it gets scattered, and then the shuck will pull away, and the wheat will lay in the Presence of the Son (See?), to ripen.

15 Romans 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

16 Romans 15:5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

17 2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

18 The Greek word for mind here is *sphroneo*, pronounced *fron-eh'-o*, and means not just to think, not just unreasoned opinion, but rather the way you think, to be minded in a certain way, or be mindful, specifically concerning moral interest and reflecting upon it. Thus it really refers to our attitude. And we find that our attitude is a very important part of our worship and belief system.

19 LORD I BELIEVE 53-0901E-19 You've come in the right attitude. No one ever come to Christ in the right attitude, but what went away with what they asked for.

20 We find that our attitude is what determines our reward.

21 RESURRECTION THE 53-1205E-26 You say, "Will God stand and judge me at the day of judgment?" No, your attitude towards Him now, you're judging yourself. God has already pronounced, "The day you eat thereof that day you die." That just settles it. He has to stay by that; He don't have to pronounce any more judgment. Your attitude towards it is therecompense. What you think of His way of escape, if you refuse to walk in His way, then you're already judging yourself as you judge Him.

22 Therefore the attitude we have towards God's Word is critical to what we receive from God. Therefore, it is most important that we have the right attitude. And what better attitude could we have than the attitude of Christ Himself. Thus in the Book of Philippians, we find Paul saying, 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, and from the New International Version it reads, Let this attitude that was in Christ be in You.

23 Therefore what we are looking at here is our attitude, and what attitude we are reflecting.

24 PHILIPPIANS 2:1 ¶ If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, 2 Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being] of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.:

25 Demonology 1 Physical 53-0608A P:23 I realize as I treat the people I'm treating God. Just my attitude towards you is my attitude towards Christ. And your attitude towards me is the same thing (That's right.), towards Christ.

26 Now, we took for our text tonight several Scriptures that speak of having the same mind one with another. Now, this does not speak of everyone becoming a bunch of mindless robots having no mind of your own, but rather speaks of having the same attitude towards one another as Christ had for us. Therefore when we read this word *Phroneo* in the scripture it matters not whether it is speaking for God seed or serpent seed, it means the same thing, and that is the attitude we are expressing. In Romans 8 and Philippians 3, we find it speaks of our not having the attitude of the world, but rather of the Spirit.

27 ROMANS 8:1 ¶ There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

28 PHILIPPIANS 3:19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.

29 And we are told if we have the wrong attitude, God through His Holy Spirit will bring your attitude around to the right way of thinking.

30 GALATIANS 5:10 I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

31 PHILIPPIANS 1:27 ¶ Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind (with the same attitude) striving together for the faith of the gospel;

32 PHILIPPIANS 3:15 ¶ Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: (with the same attitude) and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

33 PHILIPPIANS 4:2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind (with the same attitude) in the Lord.

34 COLOSSIANS 3:1 ¶ If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection (Set your attitude) on things above, not on things on the earth.