

#202 "The Mind, the Womb of the Spirit"

1 1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. 10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: 11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. 12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. 13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

2 Let us pray,

3 Dear father we are a thankful people that we have the right understanding of Your word, and can have confidence in our understand that it is right, because we are aware that You Yourself came down to reveal Your Word to us in this Hour, and You vindicated Your prophet William Branham to teach us the Truth of Thus Saith the Lord. Therefore, we can come boldly to Thy Throne of Mercy knowing that we are truly walking in the light as You are in the Light, and knowing that this brings us into Fellowship with you and with one another, and the blood of Jesus is actively cleansing us from all our sins, past, present and future.

4 Help us Dear Lord, to take inventory this night and to become better prepared for our going home, for we ask it in Jesus Christ's name, Thy beloved and obedient son, amen!

5 Now, tonight we will continue in our study of The Spoken word is the Original Seed, and we will begin reading from paragraph.

6 78 Oh, my, now we're going to hit something real rich, full of vitamins from Genesis to Revelation. Notice, and she and her daughters has a whore's womb. Only death can come from them. If you want to join the organization, think you're all right, you see where you're landing. You're landing right in the midst of death. Just exactly. If you can't see that now, you're spiritually blind. See?

7 Now, in recalling what we spoke on in this last paragraph on Sunday we saw how that this whore womb is the spirit of organization, and we showed you how it can be right in among us in this Message among the churches, and because they think they are ok because they believe God sent his prophet that they are rich in wisdom and have need of nothing, yet because they refuse the Doctrine that God's prophet taught, they don't realize how miserable, poor, blind and naked they are. And so they build up great works it seems, and realize that they have not receive the Genuine Truth, but they have accepted the spirit of organization instead of the Word of God for this hour. And that spirit of organization is what brother Branham termed the whores womb which can not bring

forth anything but death.

8 Now, remember for our text we read from St. Peter 1:13 where he spoke of the womb of the mind, when he said, 13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

9 Now, we know when the Scriptures speaks of the loins in the natural it speaks of the productive part of the body. I do not thinking it takes a rocket scientist to understand this.

10 Acts 2: 30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

11 Hebrews 7: 5 And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: Hebrews 7: 10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.

12 Luke 12:34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart (there your understanding, your mind) be also. And then notice he immediately after speaking of the heart or mind, says, 35 Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; Let the loins of your heart be girded about with what? Paul tells us in Ephesians 6: 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and we see that Peter also told us that we would have to gird up the loins of our mind and be ready to move out at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 Now, this evening we are going to continue reading at p79 and we are going to sink our teethe into the meet Brother Branham has for us here. We are going to learn just how the mind is the womb of our spirit and what role it has in our body. "Now, let's go back now and pick up again and come down for something. You remember what last Sunday's service was? The Gate to the Soul. You remember? Now, there is a womb of the physical; there is a womb for the spirit. Did you believe that? There is a spiritual womb and a physical womb. And the mind is the womb to the spirit. Why? Now, remember, I told you last Sunday and drew it out here for you. There's five senses that enters this seed from the outside: see, taste, feel, smell, and hear; five on the inside: conscience, and--and so forth, from the inside five. Now, on the life side there's only one. That's you're on the basis of free moral agency to accept, take in, or let out. See?"

14 Now, what brother Branham is referring to here is that we have five senses on the outer realm... and those he called inlets to the spirit. These are the five senses of the body. And there's only one way you can get into the body, that's by those five senses: See, taste, feel, smell, and hear; there's no other way to contact the--the body. Then On the inside of man is our spirit. And we have five senses in the spirit that make contact to our soul. Thought, memory, conscience, reasoning and affection.

15 Brother Branham said in the message Super Sense pp. 53 "God gave those senses, but they're given to you as a gift. And it depends on how you, what you yield these senses to, will be the way that your life is controlled: the way you yield those five senses, you're... What you see, what you hear, what you taste, smell, or feel, whatever those senses are yielded to, they will dominate you. And we are grateful to God that we have the five senses, but by no means was these five senses given to you to guide you. They were given to you for earthly contact. But there was given you the sixth sense, and that sixth sense is--belongs only to the Christian. And you cannot have this sixth sense until you become a Christian, is the only way that you can ever have any more than the five natural senses for the natural person. The sixth sense is better known, to the Christian, as faith. It's the one that governs and guides you, and it is superior to all the other senses. It's a superior to all of the senses, the other five senses.

16 Perfect Strength 127 We're controlled by five senses, and those five senses: see, taste, feel, smell, and hear is very fine until they interrupt the sense of faith. Then when they come against faith... And how do you know which one's right? Because faith will always agree with the Word. And then if your faith is contrary to the Word, or you think it is, then you haven't got faith. You've got a make-belief. You've got a boast in your senses of some scholarship that you've learned about, or something. But when you get away from that and depend completely upon faith, and faith can only be built upon the Word of God: correct faith. Super Sense 58 The five senses does not control the sixth sense, but the sixth sense controls the five senses. The super sense controls the natural senses. And the--the five senses is see, taste, feel, smell, hear. And the super sense is something that'll make you believe God's Word, for that's the only thing it'll speak about. And it'll make you believe for things that you can't see, taste, feel, smell, or hear, 'cause it'll take God's Word. And it will deliver that Word to you, and make you walk contrary to any other thing there is but God's Word. By faith, faith does it.

17 So then we as Believers have something in us, a sixth sense called Faith which is more powerful than the other five senses put together. Wednesday night we began examining these five outer senses and the five inner senses and the relationship between these two pairs of five senses. He said the inner senses are the ones that we do our thinking and reasoning, but the outer ones govern and control the inner ones.

18 Our being then is made up of three regions, The Body, the Spirit, and the Soul. And in each region of the body we have certain senses that we are born with.

19 In the body which is our outer region we have five outer senses that are given to contact our earthly home.

20 Then in our spirit we have been given five inner senses to take in the stimuli from our outer senses and to evaluate and move it through these five filters into the soul. But it is during the process of going through these five senses or filters that will determine what your soul will evaluate.

21 Finally we have in our soul just one sense or filter and that is the ability of choice.

22 Now, I do not think I need to go into too much detail as to what see, taste feel, smell and hear is do I?

23 But let's turn our thoughts to our middle senses or the senses of the spirit.

24 1) Memory = the ability to retain or revive in the mind past thoughts, images, ideas, etc.

25 2) Imagination = the power to form(conceive or picture) mental images of what is not actually present.

26 3) Reasoning = The ability to draw conclusions or inference from assumed facts.

27 4) Conscience = The moral sense. Knowledge from within. Inner thoughts and feelings.

28 5) Affection = The emotional state of being, disposition. The prevailing aspects of our true nature.

29 Now, I want to show you how these 5 outer are tied to the 5 inner senses. And I want you to know how the outer will actually govern the inner.

30 1). We have Physical sight which is visual and one of the five outer senses.

31 2). We also possess Intuitive sight which we call Insight because it has to do with the inner senses which come from the spirit and which is a mental sight. This Insight is a mental awareness of the inner nature of things.

32 3). We have Spiritual Sight which is Revelatory and is possessed only within the soul of the Believer who alone has this Spiritual sight which is also called Faith. This Comes only from God . [Matt 16:17] & [1 Cor 2: 10-13]

33 We examined the Scriptures to see how Physical Sight (which is an outer sense) affected the inner senses.

34 8 In Genesis 3: 6-7 We see that something physical happened to them and they knew they were naked. Something physical happened to them that caused them to see things in a different perspective than they had seen those things before.

35 Deut 6: 6-9 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. 9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

36 7 NIV Impress them on your children. Talk of them when you sit in your home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 7 Amplified And these words which I am commanding you this day shall be first in your mind heart; then you shall whet and sharpen them, so to make them penetrate, and teach and impress them diligently upon the minds and hearts of your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up." And so we see that to do so they were to place pictures and Scriptures and all sorts of things that the children will actually see with their eyes and when they see with their eyes it will have an influence in their minds and in their hearts.

37 So here we see a positive picture of using and controlling the five senses in a way which will control and guide the minds of the children and actually bring about an inner desire in them for the things of God. We see how then that sight can control the inner senses of... 1) Memory = the ability to retain or revive in the mind past thoughts, images, ideas, etc.

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42 Now let's look to the scripture for some other illustrations of how sight will control these five inner senses. Numbers 15: 38-40 38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue: 39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them ; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring: 40 That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

43 Here we see that the sight is used to control our memory so that we do not prostitute ourselves to other things. NIV "You will have the tassels to look at and so you will remember all the commands of the Lord, that you may obey them and not prostitute yourselves by going after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes. Then you

will remember to obey all my commands and will be consecrated to your God. "

44 Here we see God employing the use of sight to control the heart and minds by charging our memories with stimulus that in turn causes us to reflect within ourselves what our journey is all about.

45 Proverbs 17: 24 NIV A discerning man keeps wisdom in view, but a fools eyes wander to the ends of the earth.

46 Now so far we have established that there is a connection between what we see with our eyes and what we see with our inner man. And we have seen the importance of controlling our environment in order to place things in our memory so that a visual stimulus will bring a recall of what those things are all about. That is why I believe with all my heart that our homes should be filled with reminders of what this Message is all about, and reminders of why we are here. If your heart is so filled with Gods Word you can't help but see these reminders in every newspaper you read and every magazine you pick up. We are constantly reminded that this is the end-time and we are supposed to be ordering ourselves in a manner which will be consecrating ourselves to this end-time Message.

47 Nehemiah 8:8 8So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading. The word here for sense is insight. They received insight for the day and hour by their reading from the Word of God. That's how our insight is built up on nothing less than Jesus Christ and righteousness.

48 Psalm 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever. Therefore a good understanding means a good insight

49 Now thus far we have seen that God wants us to control what we see so that because what we see stimulates the inner senses of memory and memory stimulates imagination which brings to mind images we have already seen and this stimulation of imagination then sets the right course for our reasoning and once reasoning is governed, it then will control our conscience which is our moral sense and thus governing finally our affections which is the disposition of our true nature.

50 We also examined this in light of receiving wrong or perverted stimulus and the effect it has upon the being as well. We read from the book of Proverbs about the young man who becomes trapped by the evil woman who lures him into a trap of adultery by her speech and good looks.

51 Job 31: 1 II made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid? and so we see that Job made a covenant with his own eyes.

52 Now what I am trying to help you to understand is that you control your spirit by what you see, taste, feel, smell and hear. But you control your five outer senses by the sixth sense which is Faith. You create the right atmosphere for your sight, and hearing and all the other senses.

53 Hebrews 5: 14 Strong meat belongs only to those who are able to exercise their senses. we should learn to exercise our senses in order to properly utilize them in knowing and understanding the day and hour that we live in.

54 Matt 16: 1-41The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. 2He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. 3And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? 4A wicked and

adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.

55 Luke 12:54-56 54And he said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is. 55And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass. 56Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?

56 2 Corinthians 4: 18 We look not to the things which are seen but the things which are not seen. It then is a matter of Focus. What are we focused into?

57 Phil 4:8 8Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Think on these things? Eternal things.

58 John 7:24 24Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. In other words, we should not just go by what we see physical but we must use that sixth sense to control our inner sight and be able to discern from the outer sight. Because after all we can see but does that really mean we understand?

59 Mark 8: 17-18 17And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened? 18Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?

60 Here Jesus asks the question. "Is there no connection between your eyes and your heart(understanding)?"

61 Matt 13: 10-17 10And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? 11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. 12For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. 13Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. 14And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: 15For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. 16But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. 17For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

62 These people see with their eyes but since they do not have that sixth sense they do not perceive what is going on. Then in conclusion, what we are looking at here tonight is that what you see with your eyes can have an influence upon your other senses as well whether those senses are outer or the inner. So we should do what we can to create the right influences in our life. And if we happen to come upon the wrong influences we should allow the Sixth sense to over-ride the affect that those wrong influences might have upon us. If you will remember, a few years ago we took a series on the Message Look that Brother Branham preached right after he preached the Seven Seals. In this Message he said the following,....

63 LOOK 63-0428 12 Now, we are going to try this morning to take just four letters in a word, "Look," for a subject, and to deal with it a little while as the Lord will lead us to do.. Look, l-double o-k, look, the word, really, ... When you hear the word it's usually somebody trying to get you to see what they are looking at. They say to you, "Look." Like going down the road you--someone might see a certain scene and they'd say, "Look," and then

express what it is. It's at the mountain, at the--at the--the cactus, or whatever they're looking at. But the first thing to get your attention is, "Look." Now, everybody is looking today. Everybody is looking for something, and looking for something to happen. We know that the world is constantly watching the skies, the radar and the screens that we have up around the world. Everything is looking. The church, is looking for more members. But the Bride is looking for the coming of her Lord. We're all looking. It depends on what the voice is trying to tell you to look for. Some of us are saying, "Look for this." And if it's a church, we're saying we want so many more this year, members. That's all right. But the voice that I'm trying to say to you this morning is like the writer of this epistle, we believe to be Paul, which is saying, "looking for the coming of Jesus Christ the second time," looking for Him. In order to do it, you've got to see something before you can tell somebody else to look at what you're seeing. Noah had an experience of this. By faith he saw the coming of a flood, a great rain that was going to cover the earth and wash off the earth, the rededication again to God, the filth of the world that the people had got in, in that day. And it had to all be washed off to start again. I just finished a series of services on the last seven seals, and finding that in this sixth seal that there is a great interruption in nature. The moon, the stars, the earth belches forth. The church is purged; Israel is purged; and everything is purged under that seventh seal so that the millennium can start in. There has to be a cleansing first. And that's what the church today... And what I want to point to you, that we need a cleansing. Before anything can begin from God we've got to have a purging. And when we look and see things that is now, under the present conditions existing the way they are, we can see that we've got to have something to happen before God can continue His program, and a purging. But to we who look for Christ the second time, it's a ensign that He's soon coming. We see something fixing to happen. And depends on what you're looking at.

64 And so this is what I am trying to get across to us by focusing in on these things that Brother Branham brought to our attention. we see with our eyes but do we really see what is happening. We know by these studies that our body has sight through the eyes, and our spirit has sight threw what is called insight, and we saw many scriptures in this mini series so far that show that insight comes in the Spiritual realm from the things we see in the natural realm. But we also know that our Soul has a Spiritual sight also called Faith. We do not get that from what we see with our eyes but what we see by Faith. By what we see in the Word of God and then as we receive this Spiritual Sight it actually takes control of our insight and our physical sight and begins to focus all our sight on one thing and one thing only and that is what God has promised for us in this hour. [John 9:10-11] How were his eyes opened? He washed first!

65 Heb 9:28b "And unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." And so we see that we must be looking for Him if He is to appear to us and bring with it salvation. Brother Branham said before the second Coming can take place there must be a purging take place first. We find this in 2 John 3: 1-31 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

66 We see Him in the Appearing which is not a visible Coming, but a Spiritual one, and we begin to purge ourselves.

67 And how do we do this?

68 Ps 119:99 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

69 Num 19:20 20 But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him; he is unclean.

70 Eph 5:26 26That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

71 Heb 10:22 22Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.