

#221 "Galatians 4 Two sons Two Covenants"

1 Wednesday evening we spoke from paragraphs 141 and 144 of The Spoken Word is the original Seed and Galatians chapter 4 concerning the lack of sincerity among the Elect at this time.

2 Brother Branham said from his sermon, Experiences 2 47-1214 P:2 I don't believe you can get too sincere about the work of God. That's right. More sincere you are, the better God can lead you.

3 So what seems to be hanging up the Bride from getting herself ready is no longer lacking Revelation concerning the Godhead, but rather her sincerity in taking heed to what the doctrine of Christ really means for us and our relationship between ourselves and God even as Jesus main concern was his relationship and standing with his Father. And that lack of readiness comes as a result of her lack of sincerity. For if she were totally sincere in that relationship with the father, then the elect would be walking and talking just the same as Jesus walked and talked. In other words, we would have the same character, the same attitude, and thus the same mind that was in Christ.

4 And that is what the Apostle Paul is telling us in Galatians chapter 4 and verse 21 "Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?" And I think if he were living today, he might say, "tell me you that hear the message, do you not hear the voice of the Messenger? Do you not understand the example the Messenger left for us?" Do you not understand the great personal sacrifices he made so that we might live like he lived, and walk as he walked and talk as he talked?

5 Now verse 22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. 23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.

6 Notice he is talking about TWINS here. And brother Branham taught us that every revival produces TWINS.

7 From Br. Branham's sermon, Hearing Receiving and Acting 60-0607 16 So we find out, that in every revival that's ever been born in the world, it produces twins. That's right. Every revival has twins. They have a bunch in there that's carnal believers and a bunch of spiritual believers. Every revival produces that: an Esau and Jacob. And as they go along, first thing you know, the carnal begins to think, "Well, these guys are getting off of the deep end. I better separate myself from them." They go back to the intellectual part. They want a pastor that'll speak to them of pleasant things. They don't want that Spirit-filled pastor, that'll obey the Holy Spirit from the platform, just preach the Word just like It is. As John said, "Lay the axe to the root of the tree and let the chips fall where it will." Most of the churches today will vote that out of their pulpit. That's right. It'll come a separation, always does that. It did it in the Methodist age; it did it in the Baptist age; it did it in the Pentecostal age; it'll do it in every age.

8 So we see that God keeps on separating down and down and down until he can find a people who will think His thoughts and walk His Walk, and talk His talk.

9 You don't believe me? Did not John say, "if you walk in the Light as He is walking in the Light, it bring you into fellowship with Him? Is that not walking His walk with Him, and talking His talk with Him in the light of His Glorious Presence?"

10 That is the kind of people He has come down for. Not those who go to the intellectual side, and have a spirit that is as hard as an oyster shell. He didn't come down for oysters. He's come down for His children.

11 Now look, your sincerity is not works, it is an attitude, a way of Life, a reality.

12 Accepting God's provided way 63-0115 P:69 And remember, I'm on record for this, that any promise of God in the Bible, it's on conditions now. Just because you believe it's there, that don't make it so it'll happen. Them Pharisees and Sadducees was just as religious with those sacraments as they could be. But God said, "They stink in My nose." See, there was no sincerity. There was nothing to it that should be. You've got to come basically upon the promise, and then upon your mental attitude towards it.

13 The Apostle Paul speaks on TWINS in his next few paragraphs and tells us there are two covenants that God made. One Covenant was with Agar concerning the birth of her son by Abraham's flesh, and the other birth of a son was made by a promise from God Himself. Notice that even in Scripture we find the two covenants represented by two mothers

14 Two Covenants were made so which covenant are we under this morning?

15 Now, since the law had to do with God's Word, there were also two covenants or promises between God and Man. Those that choose law have one covenant and those that Choose life have another promise from God. In the Book of Deuteronomy chapter 28 we see the Two covenants at work and the only difference between the two is your attitude towards the Voice of God. You receive it and hearken to it, and you are blessed in all your life with abundance of life, but if you do not pay attention to it, you live a life under a curse.

16 From Brother Branham's sermon, God's provided place of worship 65-0425 12 He also has two covenants. He had a covenant with Adam, the first man on earth. And that covenant was on conditions, "If you do so-and-so, I'll do so-and-so." Adam would had something to do in order to keep this covenant alive before God. He had to walk in God's ways, keeping all of His Word, not breaking one Word. But then He made another covenant; that was with Abraham. This covenant was not on conditions, but was unconditionally. God gave the covenant to Abraham, no strings tied to it at all: unconditional, not, "I will," "I have. I've already done it." And that's the law that Christians must live by. Is not what we do ourself, but what He has done for us. Christ has already been sacrificed, not He will be; He has been. It's a finished product. He lived, died, rose again, ascended into heaven, has come back in the form of the Holy Ghost. So it's a finished work with God. Christ, knowing no sin, became my sin; that I might stand in His place, He took my place. I was in Him at Calvary when He died. There I must die with Him to live. Because the law of sin and death is in the body, you have to die to be reconciled to Him.

17 God's only provided place of worship 65-1128M 38 I want you to notice again; there was also two covenants give. One covenant was given to Adam, which was on conditions like law: "If you will not touch this, then you will live; but if you touch this, you will die." That was a law. Then there was another law given to Abraham, which was by grace, unconditionally: "I have saved you and your seed," after him. Amen. That is a type of Calvary, not the type of Adam covenant; it's a Abrahamic covenant.

18 We will find out as we continue to read in Galatians chapter 4 and verse 24, Notice Paul calls this an allegory: 24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which genders to bondage, which is Agar.

19 Now an allegory is a literary, dramatic, or pictorial device in which characters and events stand for abstract ideas, principles, or forces, so that the literal sense has or suggests a parallel, deeper symbolic sense. So we see that there are two Covenants that were made, one which leads to death and the other that leads to Life eternal. One

given the covenant given to Adam, and to man, and the other given to the children of the promise as given to Abraham. Both speak of sons, both covenants. And both seeds are religious, both serve God, both worship God, both believe in God, and both think they have the covenant of Life from God. So how do you know which Covenant you fall under this morning? And God allowed the display of both Covenants to be displayed before us as an act that we might understand that the natural types the spiritual. And I hope in seeing this allegory, and that in it there were two covenants you might also see Paul is speaking of TWINS here.

20 You say, "well I know that I believe in a vindicated Prophet?" Well, so did the 2 million people who followed Moses. He was a vindicated prophet, so these were a people who followed a vindicated prophet also. "Yeah, yeah, yeah, you say, but I am following the Pillar of Fire". Well, what do you think the 2 million who perished in the wilderness were following? Well, you say, "but with me it's different, I have personally witnessed His presence, and I've drank from His Spirit and eaten of His spiritual food in due season". Yes sir, you are absolutely right, you have, that is right, but so did the 2 million believers who perished in the wilderness. They ate the heavenly bread, and they drank from the Rock which was Christ.

21 "Well, bless God, I have witnessed the supernatural Presence of God in many wonderful ways I have experienced His Presence." And did not the 2 million believers who perished in the wilderness not also witness the great and supernatural Presence of God in a more mighty way than you have in this hour?

22 The Apostle Paul told us in 1 Corinthians 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

23 Now, look, these people were actually there, they saw, they felt, they heard, they smelled, and they witnessed what God did visibly before all of them.

24 The most you can say is you were baptized under the pillar of fire and cloud. You drank of the spiritual drink and ate of the spiritual meat in due season. And you may have been eye witnesses, and you may even have experienced things like these people witnessed, and yet what good did it do them to see and feel and smell and hear what they heard. And what good has it done you, if you are of the other Covenant.

25 Notice Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10:5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. 7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. 8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. 9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. 10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

26 Now, look, murmuring is looked upon by God no differently than fornication, adultery and idolatry. So don't think because you were there and ate with the prophet and drank with him and were baptized in this Message that you are under the right covenant, brother.

27 11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

28 Now, here is the key to what Paul is saying, in verse 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

29 And that sin of pride, arrogance and lack of sincerity is what killed off 2 million people who saw more, and heard more, and experienced more supernatural than you have in your lifetime.

30 In the book of Nehemiah 9:7 we see why God dealt so harshly with the Children of Israel who left Egypt to travel under the Pillar of Fire in that day. 7 "Thou art the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and brought him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gave him the name of Abraham; 8 And found his heart faithful in Thy Presence, and made a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous: 9 And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea; 10 And showed signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knew that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou get thee a name, as it is this day. 11 And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threw into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters. 12 Moreover thou lead them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go.

31 And has He not done the same thing today? Has He not come down in the form of the same Pillar of Fire to give us light to lead us and for us to walk in? Has He not also provided a Cloud for a witness to His Presence to lead us in the way?

32 Verse 13 Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spake with them from heaven, and gave them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments: 14 And made known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commanded them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant: 15 And gave them bread from heaven for their hunger, and brought forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promised them that they should go in to possess the land which thou had sworn to give them.

33 Now, look brethren, did we not also have a Pillar of Fire come down and make Himself visible also in this hour? Did not we have the same Cloud come down to vouch safe His Presence among us? Did He not send His prophet up into the mountain to receive the opening of the seals just as Moses went up into the Mountain to bring down the law of God?

34 Is not God the same and changes not? But notice how the people received such a great and sacred trust as God's own presence and the opening of His Word to them.

35 Verse 16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments, 17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage:

36 And what have we done In this Message? The people have assembled unto themselves men who will take them back into Pentecost forsaking the Message that God came down to give us. And so we see two Covenants, one is Life and the other is death. And both are made plain by scripture, and in this hour, we see the repeat of the same scene being played over again, until they will have to receive their just dues even as God pronounced judgment over those proud and arrogant and self indulged people back at the first Exodus.

37 But unto you who are troubled by all the lack of sincerity in the Message, and among the preachers and laity, the Apostle Paul has some good news for you...He continues by saying, "but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsook them not.

38 Then he gives us more good news...13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also

make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 14Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. 15I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.

39 Now, in getting back to Galatians chapter 4 and picking up at verse 24, Paul says, Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which genders to bondage, which is Agar. 25For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

40 Now, the Greek word "douleia" which was translated as the word "bondage" speaks of slavery and obligation to man through service. In other words, that covenant which leads to death is laced with works programs and service.

41 26But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. 27For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. 28Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. So we see the children of promise are free, and thus they are free to do as they wish. But as brother Branham said, I can do whatever I wish to do, but all I wish to do is to serve Him. That is the difference.

42 As I pointed out a week ago, Martin Luther said, Martin Luther in His Preface to the Book of Romans said, "God judges according to what is at the bottom of the heart, and for this reason, His law makes its demands on the inmost heart and cannot be satisfied with works, but rather punishes works that are done otherwise than from the bottom of the heart, as hypocrisy and lies. "The law is spiritual," For if the law were made for the body, it could be satisfied with works; but since it is spiritual, no one can satisfy it, unless all that you do is done from the bottom of the heart. But such a heart is given only by God's Spirit, who makes a man equal to the law, so that he acquires a desire for the law in his heart, and henceforth does nothing out of fear and compulsion, but everything out of a willing heart. That law then is spiritual which will be loved and fulfilled with such a spiritual heart, and requires such a spirit. Where that spirit is not in the heart, there sin remains, and displeasure with the law, and enmity toward it, though the law is good and just and holy.

43 20 Sin, in the scripture, means not only the outward works of the body, but all the activities that move men to outward works, namely the inmost heart, with all its powers. Faith on the other hand is a living, daring confidence in God's Grace, so sure and certain that a man would stake his life on it a thousand times. Faith is not that human notion and dream that some hold for faith. Faith, however, is a divine work in us. It changes us and makes altogether different men, in heart and spirit and mind and powers, and it brings with it the Holy Ghost.

44 Now, in getting back to Galatians chapter 4 and verse 29The Apostle Paul says, But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

45 And so we see the same thing today. Walk in the light as He is in the light, and say what he says on the tapes, and only what he says, and watch the mockery begin in the name of William Branham and this Message. As Jesus said, one day they will kill you thinking they are doing God a service, just like they wished to stone Jesus in the name of Moses, and for the sake of God. But we must understand that this too is part of our trail to adoption that we must endure.

46 30Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. 31So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

47 So we see that there is a certain liberty that we have as sons of God, and yet we must be sure, we must be

certain of our son-ship, for Abraham had two sons, and two covenants were given to these two sons. Yet one covenant leads to death and bondage to man, while the other covenant leads to life everlasting.

48 Now, as we study further into this book of Galatians we can see that we still have these two covenants alive today. One leads to a carnal approach with God while the other leads to a complete surrender and obedience to God as our Father. And we have not only these two covenants working among the 1 billion Christians in this world today, but to be more precise we have these two covenants right here among us in this Message of believers who claim to be following the Pillar of Fire and the Cloud. So which Covenant are you under this morning?

49 So we see that in chapter 4 Paul begins teaching us about the adoption of sons, and then seems to deviate off his thought when he begins to deal with the difference between the two types of sons, and the two covenants. But he was not deviating from his teaching on adoption. What he was doing here is to teach us that though you be a son, yet you have to be the right kind of son. That is what Paul is telling us in chapter 4.

50 Blasphemous names 62-1104M pp. 57 Do you remember over in the Book of Matthew the 17th chapter, the 1st to the 5th verse, Jesus on Mount Transfiguration? You've heard me-- "Hear Ye Him," that sermon I just, here about a year ago, preached that become so popular, "Hear Ye Him." The placing of a son in Ephesians 1:5 also: "God has predestinated us unto adoption of sons." See, a family... When a son is born into it, it's a son then. But that son had tutors to raise it. And if that son never did come to be the right kind of a son, he never become heir. But if he was the right son, and the son that would obey his father, then that son was adopted or placed positionally. He become heir of what the father had. And that's what God was doing on Mount Transfiguration, when He took His own Son, after He'd been proven to be the right Son (See?), and had stood all temptations. He took Him up on Mount Transfiguration and overshadowed Him. 58 You know, in the Old Testament they took a son, dressed him in a nice pretty garment, and set him out before the public. And they had a ceremony of placing, or we call it adopting. In Galatians there. I kind of think Paul refers to it as adopting sons. Now, by placing a son... Ministers will understand and spiritual Bible readers, a-placing this son... In other words, the son was a son when he was born. There's where our Pentecostal people made their mistake. Being born into the family by the Holy Ghost (That's right.), but then we must be the right kind of children, tutored by the right tutors See? 59 Now, if a man back in the old age thought of his son, and he wanted him to be a right kind of a son, he got the best tutor he could find, the best teacher; 'cause he wanted his son to come up to be like his daddy. See? So he got the right tutor. Now, if a man on earth would think of the best tutor, how about God our Father? Now, He never got bishops, and cardinals, and priests; He got the Holy Ghost to be our Tutor. And the Holy Spirit is our Teacher. And He's in the Church, and He takes message to the Father. And then, what if the tutor come up and said, "Well, father..." Now, He ain't going to get some kind of a tutor that wants a straw in his hat, you know, a feather, we call it; say, "Oh, if I tell the father something about... That little boy is a renegade anyhow, but if I tell the father, the father might not give me a raise." That ain't the right kind of a tutor. A right kind of a tutor's honest, tell the truth. And the Holy Ghost tells the truth when He comes before God, to us. Yeah. 60 So He comes up. What do you think? He'd blush today to say, "Your daughters are all cutting their hair, and You told them not to. Your sons are so organize-minded they just simply can't see one to the other, and that's... And they're adopting this for this and this for that." How He must blush. But how that Tutor would love to come and say, "Oh, my. That son's a real son. He's just like the Father." Oh, how He'd love to say that. See? Then the Father swells out in pride and say, "This is My son." That's exactly what God's did on Mount Transfiguration. You notice there appeared Moses and Elijah. And Peter, all excited, the supernatural was done, Peter got excited; he said, "Let's build three tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and for Elias." While he was yet speaking God shut him up. He said, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Hear ye Him." See? God put Himself in the background and, "This is My Son." 61 Moses represented the law. The prophets represented His justice. We could not live by His law. We could not live by His justice. I don't ask justice; I want mercy, not justice. I can't keep His law, and I can't meet His justice; but I need His mercy. And God said the law and justice has been met in Him. "He's My beloved Son. Hear ye Him. That's Him; that's the One."

51 Now, in the Old Testament when that son was adopted or placed into the family, his name was just as good on the check as his daddy's was. Yes, sir. They didn't have a... They had a ring in them days, a signet; and they'd spit on it, place it. That was a signet. He wore his daddy's ring, his signet; and that was just as good as his daddy's. Now, when Jesus had been obedient, Jesus to God, God placed Him positionally: "This is Him." Now, when the member is born by the Holy Ghost into the family of God and has proven to have these virtues in him, that God can see virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, and godliness in him, then God seals him or places him. And there, that's when you see the sons and daughters of God. 62 Then Ephesians 4:30 says, Grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed until the day of your redemption. Now, some of you Baptists that wants to go on eternal security, now, if you'll come to that stage, I'll stand with you it's eternal security, if you'll come to that place. But just to say, anybody says, "I joined the Baptist church"; "I'm a Presbyterian"; "I got eternal security"; that's wrong. Your own life proves you haven't got it, Until this is there and God has adopted you and sealed you by the Holy Ghost into His kingdom... Then there's no getting out of it. You are eternally secure. "Believe, Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby all you and your godly virtues are sealed until the day of redemption." 63 I believe there is a Bride that's predestinated. I believe God said He would have a Church without spot or wrinkle. I believe in predestination, that the Bride is predestinated; She's got to be there. I hope I'm with Her. That's... See? I'm with Her. Now, it's up to me to work out my own salvation with God until these things are approved of God and then sealed into the Kingdom of God. There's the Holy Spirit. There's the genuine works of God. It's sealed until the day of redemption. That was her dream. I thought it was beautiful. 64 Now, therefore, when She does that, when that Church comes to this place, or the individual... The Church is going to be there. Let me say it real good so you get it. The Church is predestinated to be there.

52 I want to be with It, but the only way I'll be with It, is to be part of It. How do I become part of It? By being in It. How do I get in It? By baptism, by one Spirit. I Corinthians 12: "By one Spirit we are all baptized into one Body," one Body, baptized into it. 65 But you can't stick these little things, say, "I spoke with tongues. I got It." You go out here, and angry, and swear, and carry on (See?); that's putting peacock feathers in the jaybird. See? You can't do it. Your own life proves that it's not. But when these things are operating in you by God, then you're sealed. Then there's no put-on about it. You're just yourself. That's when visions, perfect Holy Spirit works of God, everything is made manifest. Because why? You and Christ become one (I hope that's understood.); you and Christ become one. I had something else I had wrote down here I wanted to think of. Brings us to the place of Life, then you become, have Eternal Life.