

#38 Be Careful How You Hear

1 Deut 6: 4-9 4Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: 5And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7And 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. 8And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. 9And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

2 I'd like to read verse 7 from the 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.

3 And again verse 7 from the 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."

4 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.

5 Let us pray... Dear Father, we come to you as your children and we also have children, and we know that the way you have trained up us as your children is that you have implanted in us, an ability to know and to understand. Help us father to do with our own children for we ask it in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

6 Now, the Scripture teaches us in Proverbs 22: 6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

7 Brother Branham preached a Message "Christ Revealed in HIS Own Word." Now that is an absolute. If Christ is Revealed in HIS OWN Word, then the Word of Christ is the only way in which He is or will be Revealed. So then if we are to get to know Christ, if He is to become revealed to us, it must come only one way and that is through His Own Word. So then His Word is the Absolute or ultimate if we are to get to know Him.

8 And he also said, We should never pray to change God's mind; we should pray to change our mind. God's mind don't need any changing.

9 The problem we have though is that although the Bible is written in many languages, yet it is understood in none. For it can not be understood by the written Word, but by the Mind of Christ. For although the Word is presented to just about every civilization that has a written language, yet it is not in that language that it is understood, but through Revelation.

10 1 Corinthians 2:9But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

11 Now, this scripture tells us that we can in no way understand the things of God unless the spirit of God is in us. So above all pray for God to give you His Spirit.

12 Now, in 1 Peter 1:10he speaks of an end time Grace that is to bring us to the place of the revelation of Jesus Christ. 10Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: 11Searching 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. 12Unto 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. 13Wherefore 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;

13 And we see Paul speak of this end-time Grace that is to bring us into the very mind of Christ in the book of Corinthians.

14 1 Corinthians 1:4I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;5That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;6Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:7So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: 8Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.9God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 10Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

15 Now, In [Proverbs 23:7] we are told, "as a man thinketh in His Heart, so is he." This body is not you, nor any part of it. Brother Branham said it is like an old coat that we wear. Well, my coat is not me. So what you are is what your thoughts are.

16 Matt 12:34 & Luke 6:25 that Jesus tells us, "For out of the abundance, or overflow of the heart, the mouth will speak." So then there is no getting away from the fact that you are not only what you think, but what you are will be expressed through your lips in the form of words. You will speak what you are.

17 Therefore in John 1: 1 that tells us "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." Then to get to know God, it must come through His Word, and since He can not change, then we can establish the point that Christ is Revealed in His Own Word, because after all, Christ and the Word is the same. Now if You are revealed by your own words, then Christ is Revealed in the same manner. Therefore, to get to know Christ we must get to know His Word. And that is why God has given us His Word. Could you imagine God wanting for us to know Him and not telling us anything about Himself? Then our knowledge of Him would be left up to our own imagination.

18 Let me put it to you this way. When a young man sees a young girl and he likes what he sees, what doe he do? He tries to get to know her. But what if he never talks to her? Can he get to know her? Not really. He may say that he has fallen in love with her without ever talking to her, but how does he know that it is her that he is in love

with? It might just be his own imagination that he is in love with. He imagines what she is like and so he thinks on these thoughts and then he falls in love with his ideals of what she should be like. But what happens if he dates her and they never talk? He will go on thinking she is what his mind imagines her to be. And what if they get married and they have never really talked and communicated to each other. Then he will be in for the shock of his life when he marries her and then finds out later that she is not what he thought she was.

19 So you see, we express ourselves by what we say and what we do. That is the real person in us doing those things and saying those things. This shell of a body is only a housing in which the real person in us lives. You do not know me by what I look like but by what I say and do. My expression reveals to you the real me. And how often people marry thinking that they will be able to change the one they are married to. It does not work that way.

20 And so we see that not only is God revealed by His own Word, but we are also revealed by our own words. But what if those words are not true? Or what if we were told words that were not true? Or what if we only hear what we want to hear? Then the description of the One being revealed will be wrong. Then that one will not be truly revealed will he? Ex: Man looking for wife, given wrong picture and wrong description. Eve was seduced. By what? A lie! Early church left the One who bought them for another. How? By deception.

21 Galatians 1: 6-9 ¶ I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any [man] preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

22 2 Cor 11: 1-4, ¶ Would to God ye could bear with me a little in [my] folly: and indeed bear with me. 2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or [if] ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with [him]. (you put up with it so easily). 5 ¶ For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles. And now, let's read 13-15 For such [are] false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore [it is] no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

23 Now, what I want to bring to your attention tonight is from Mark 4: 24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

24 Notice he said, take heed, be careful how you hear. How you hear? Don't we hear with our ears? I'd like to ask this question myself. How do you hear? with your ears? Take Heed: Blepo = Beware of, be careful, to discern, to observe and contemplate, to weigh carefully, examine. What = Tis : What, who, whom, why, that which Hear = Akou: To understand, comprehend or perceive, to sense what was being said, to give an ear to a teaching or teacher with a view toward understanding.

25 Matt 13: 10 - 17 And 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. 12 For 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. 13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. 14 And 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: 15 For 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. 16 But blessed [are] your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. 17 For 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].

26 Notice he said we do not hear with our ears nor do we see with our eyes. These are only outer senses that send stimulus to our mind. But what we hear with and what we see only brings a stimulus that enter into our mind or spirit where we have five other senses.

27 Remember, we are told how to create an influence upon our children so they will never depart from the Word in Deut 6: 6-9 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."

28 To do so they were to place visual stimuli (Scriptures) and things that the children would actually see with their eyes, and when they see with their eyes it will have an influence in their minds and in their hearts. 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... In other words we begin to superimpose the Revealed Word upon everything we see, taste feel smell and hear. We must learn how to identify our outer and inner senses in order to learn how to control hem because Christianity is a discipline and as a discipline it takes discipline to be a good Christian. So we see that we have see, taste feel smell and hear as out senses to contact our earthly home, and then in the spirit we have.

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

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

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

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

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

34 Now let's look to the scripture for some other illustrations of how sight will control these five inner senses.

35 Numbers 15: 38-40 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.

36 Here we see that the sight is used to control our memory so that we do not prostitute ourselves to other things.

37 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. "

38 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. Proverbs 17: 24 NIV A discerning man keeps wisdom in view, but a fool's eyes wander to the ends of the earth

39 Now what I am trying to establish here is that you see and hear with your mind, and we read in Mark 4: 24 that we must be careful, we must take heed how we hear because the measure we use to hear is the only thing we will hear. As a tree leaneth so shall it fall. If our minds are already made up then what we hear will be filtered by what we want to hear.

40 If our minds are not open then we will never come to the knowledge of the truth. (ex: young man leaning, try to stand up, can't do it!)

41 Mark 4:24 For with what measure you use to measure out, that is all you will receive back. As a tree leans so shall it fall. If our minds are already made up then what we hear will be filtered by what we want to hear. If our minds are not open then we will never come to the knowledge of the truth. Let me illustrate with some of the young men in this church. Come here and stand facing this wall. Place your forehead against the wall. Now, take three steps one foot distance at a time away from the wall, and place your hands behind your back. Now, try to stand up... You can't why? Because as you are leaning that is the way you shall fall. That is why brother Vayle always said when making a decision before God, get in neutral so that he can help you to go in the right direction. A man chooses his path but the Lord directs his footsteps. Get in neutral and God can pull you or push you but either way you will be able to move when he moves you.

42 That is why I do not teach a return ministry, because if you don't come into the Shout which is the Message, there will be no second chance. The way the tree leans it's going to fall. And too many are leaning to the world hoping that God will send his prophet back and they will get the message the second time it is given. But it's too late then.

43 From Investments 63-0803B P:33 I trust that that's in the heart of every man and woman here this morning to find something that's real. You remember, you can't come back and make the second trial. You got to get it now. "The way the tree leans, that's the way it falls." There is no Scripture for a hereafter repentance. That's--that's your time now. No matter how it becomes popular today, and a--a purgatory somewhere, there--there's no such, there's no such thing in the Bible. It was wrote in one of the books of the Maccabees, or something another, but that wasn't added to It. And, look, in that one book is purgatory mentioned, yet in the rest of the Bible it's not mentioned nowhere. And after all, Jesus speaking of this same young man when he died, He said there's a gulf fixed that no man has ever crossed, and never will after death. See? And that settles it, when Jesus said so.

44 Luke 8:18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: How : Pos : By what means, after what manner, in what way for whosoever hath, Hath : echo : The word speaks of possession, but we also understand the word echo means repetition through reflection. to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have..

45 1 Timothy 4:15-16 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. 16Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; Doctrine : Didaskalia : Doctrine, teaching, instruction... continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee. Notice that we are told

that it will save both you and those who will hear you.

46 Proverbs 22:6 ¶ Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. And so a child will always revert back to the way he or she was trained. The filter we have, the measuring stick we have is based upon what information we filter it through. And so we see that every thing we know we were taught by someone. Every fact we use to make our decisions with is based upon what we were told. And the world is under such delusions today that people take what is only theory and believe it for Gospel. Ex: Darwin and evolution, Landing on the moon, Brother Branham said, they'll never do it. Videos show heavy gravity. No booster rockets to get them back, etc. What about star wars, It was a bluff to bankrupt Russia. etc.

47 I used this illustration in a church who had sat under false teaching for so many years that the people did not know what truth was. I hid a Lamb under a blanket and told them that The Gentiles worship what they know not, as Jesus has said. I told them to guess what was under the blanket because that is what most people do concerning faith. It is only a guess to them. I then read to them 7 attributes which described what I had hid under the blanket. Before I did, though, I told one group that what was under the blanket was a Bunny Rabbit.

48 Another Group I told it was a Collie dog. Both Groups then thinking they knew what I had under the blanket, were actually blinding themselves to the attributes which were expressed because they read into them what they wanted to hear. That attributes were: 1) Four legs 2) beautiful outer coat 3) Gentle nature 4) it's nature is to follow 5) It can jump small fences 6) it is sacrificial in it's nature 7) A Shepherd boys best friend . When each attribute was read each group reinforced their error with the hearing of the attribute. Finally a group that I had told to be completely open until they heard all the attributes, said it was a Lamb and they alone were right. You should have seen the faces of those others. They were mad when they found out they had been duped. But I told them I purposely duped them in this illustration that they may never be duped again.

49 John 8: 37 - 47 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. 38 ¶ I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. 39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. 41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, [even] God. 42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do ye not understand my speech? [even] because ye cannot hear my word. 44 Ye are of [your] father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell [you] the truth, ye believe me not. 46 ¶ Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? 47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear [them] not, because ye are not of God.

50 Matt 23:32 Fill ye up the measure of your fathers. Jesus told them to fill up the measure of their fathers. In other words, every seed will bring forth after their own kind, or their own nature. Then can you expect them to believe? There is no way they can believe. They are ordained not to believe. That reminds me of a man who was mental and thought he was dead. So the doctor trying to help him, asked him if dead men can bleed, and the man answered, of course not, dead men don't bleed because they have no blood.

51 So the doctor trying to shock the man into his senses poked him with a needle and immediately the man began to bleed. Upon seeing the blood come he he shouted, I was wrong, dead men do bleed!

52 Now, if God were to come in this day and walk down the street, there is no way that you would know it was

Him unless he began to open his mouth and talk to you and by words He would declare Himself to you. Because, you can only know someone by their mind - what they think and what they say. Even the things they do are a manifestation of what they are thinking. Brother Branham said, Eve had to first think adultery before she could perform it. You must first think of lying before you do it.

53 If you hear a false description you will be looking for a false person. That is why Paul told us in 2 Corinthians 11:1-4 that the people had become seduced to believe another Jesus, because they received so openly another Gospel.

54 And yet it was not an altogether different Gospel, only one that had become perverted.

55 Galatians 1: 6-9 ¶ I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. And a perverted Gospel is one of a different nature 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any [man] preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

56 3). Therefore how do we know what is the Correct Word of God? VINDICATION is the only way. And how does God VINDICATE His Word? God interprets His Own Word by bringing it to pass. Brother Branham spoke of vindication well over 2,270 times and the word comes from a Latin word vindicatus. This word comes from two Latin words, vim or vin which means to use force and the word discere which comes from the root word diction which means to express by words. The words together form the word as we know it vindicate which means to clear from criticism or suspicion, in other words, to prove and back up. Therefore we see that the very presence of God on the seen is to back up the message that He gave His Prophet.