

#59 Where Does Your Faith Rest?

1 This morning we will continue with our study from The Spoken Word is the Original Seed and we will again read from paragraph 42 where brother Branham is speaking about God's Word, and the will of God is found only in His Word. It's there, the Truth, all the Truth, and nothing but the Truth, and our faith rests right there, right there on what God said. Don't try to interpret It; just say it the way It says it. Don't put any private interpretation, ...

2 Now, this morning I would like to speak on Faith. Because we are told in Hebrews 11: 6 that without faith it is impossible to please God: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

3 So having faith is essential to the Christian if he is going to please God. Not only that but we are told that "without faith we can not please God." Therefore if we are to receive anything from God we must first have faith and believe God for what we seek.

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5 But the reason people do not have faith concerning receiving from God is that they are not sure if what they are asking is the will of God to begin with. The reason they are not sure what the will of God is, is because they do not know what the will of God is. In order to have faith then, we must first have knowledge of what God's will is concerning the matter that we are wishing to have faith for. Before one can have faith for any circumstance in our life we must first know what God's will for us is in that area that we are seeking faith for, whether it be for healing or finances, or for other more specific blessings. "So then, Faith cometh by hearing and hearing the Word of God" Rom 10: 17.

6 Therefore this morning we are going to examine what we can do in our life to increase our Faith. We need to understand that God has placed more than 800 promises in His Word for our benefit and all it takes to receive those blessings is for us to know that they are there and that God wants us to have them.

7 We live so below our privileges as sons and daughters of God. We live in such a godless society that all we hear from day to day is that if you are going to get anything out of life you have to do it yourself or let the government do it for you. That is the two extremes and you hear them everyday on the radio and television, or in the newspapers.

8 We are so saturated with a godless pessimistic message in the media today that if we believe only a small part of what we are hearing, then the devil has completed his victory.

9 We need to learn to tune out to the devils message and tune into God's Message. If we only knew just a portion of what God has for us and believed what God had to say about those things he has for us, we would not be such a defeated people, but we would truly be a people walking in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit.

10 By knowing what God has to say about those promises you are seeking, you will learn how to have faith with no uncertainty at all. God is more eager for us to have them than we are to receive His blessings. But until

we know the will of God concerning those things, we have nothing to base our faith upon.

11 You see, we must have the mind of Christ in us, and we know the mind of the father must be in the son in order for the son to be adopted. Our minds must be brought into harmony with the mind of God if we are to receive what God has in mind for us to receive.

12 In Romans 10:17 Paul told us how to appropriate our faith. He said, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Br. William Branham took this one step further and preached a sermon entitled, hearing, recognizing and acting upon the word of God.

13 So you see, faith comes by hearing the word of God. What God has to say about it. Then if you hear and recognize it to be God's word for what you need in your life, then you appropriate it by acting upon what you heard.

14 You say, what do you mean preacher? What I mean is this. If you have any needs, you must find out what God says about those needs, and you must look for the provisions in His Word concerning those needs, and then after you have dug up all the scripture you can concerning those needs, give that Scripture back to God. Then you are planting it in your mind and in your heart. You are now planting in good soil.

15 So it all begins in the mind. Brother Branham told us that Faith begins in the mind and then when we receive it into the heart, then God can come down and anoint that faith and then it becomes a dynamic revelation. So you must first fill your mind with His Word. What did God say about this and that. Find Where he promised you certain blessings concerning those things you are in need of and then plant them first in your mind, and by reciting them over and over they will settle down into your heart and when that happens, then the nature of that Word Seed can take over and do what it was intended to do.

16 Paul said in Romans 12:2 "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

17 Notice God wants us to prove His Word, but we must first accept His Word in our minds and let our minds see only what God sees, and that is where we fail time and time again.

18 Only by knowing what God has promised me, can I have assurance in receiving it. Then, if God has promised something to me my attitude should be to receive it as though it is already done. We need to know that God not only has made His promise to you but He did so because He wants for you to have it.

19 How many times have I seen people pray for something, a real need in their life, and then cancel out their prayer by saying those Faith canceling words, "if it is thy will o lord".

20 But people do that because they do not understand what went on in Jesus life in Gethsemane. Jesus did not step forward to die on your behalf with an "if it be thy will o God?" If he had any doubt he would have never stepped forward into victory. He knew it was God's will. He said, "Father my will is that you take this cup from me. That is my will, but nevertheless, not my will but Thy will be done." Notice he did not say, If thy will be done, but "I know thy will and Thy will shall be done". There you are, there are no doubts with Him. He knew the Will of God and he did it.

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22 Therefore we must first come to an understanding of the Word of God. For without coming to an

understanding of How God's Word works, we will never have faith for anything,

23 So let's begin our study. Now, in order to understand how the Word of God works, we must first understand that the word of God is a Seed. We are speaking from the sermon the Spoken Word is the original Seed, and yes, the Word of God is a Seed.

24 In Luke 8: 11 Jesus said, The seed is the word of God. And in 1 Peter 1:23 we are told by Peter that "the Word of God is an incorruptible seed which liveth and abideth for ever." Therefore if it is a seed and it is incorruptible, then we have a place to begin our faith building. Now a seed is a carrier of Life, and if that Life in the seed is incorruptible, then it can never perish or decay or go away. It lives and abides for ever. So it is not a promise that is good for one but not good for the other. It is a promise that is the same yesterday, today and forever.

25 Now, the problem we have amongst Christians today is that so many understand nothing about seed planting. But the poor farmer who is looked down upon by the educated world knows more about the way the Word of God works than the highly educated know it all do today. The farmer knows how to plant and then how to wait on the seed to do its thing. And he is fully aware that unless he plants the seed into good ground it is not going to produce any crops for him. And for you to expect the Word of God to work for you without first knowing what seed you are planting, and then without planting that seed into good ground is like a farmer who expects a crop even though he has not planted any seed for that crop.

26 Brother Branham said, Hearing, recognizing, then acting upon the Word of God. You've got to hear it first, for faith comes by hearing, then you must recognize what it is and what it is for, and then once you know what seed you are planting then plant it, and leave it up to God.

27 God has never willed it that a man can harvest without a planting first. His law of reproduction in Genesis 1:11 says, every seed shall produce of its kind, and His law of sowing and reaping says that unless you sow you shall not reap. So sowing and reaping are instrumental if you are to receive the blessings of God. For you reap what you sow, but if you do not sow you do not reap. It is just that simple.

28 God wants you to know His will concerning that which you wish to reap, and in knowing His Will you are able to recognize it and carefully sow it in the right field.

29 Jesus said, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free". So knowing is what makes you free. Knowing first then the freedom comes as a result of the knowing.

30 As brother Bosworth said, "Freedom from sickness comes from knowing the truth". God will do nothing outside His Word. His Word is the conduit that God operates in.

31 Therefore the good field that we must plant the Word of God in is our own mind and heart. For it is there that God can act upon it. Any farmer knows for him to receive a harvest he must plant his seed in his own field. And therefore What I wish to receive from God must be planted in my own heart and in my own mind.

32 You can not plant seed for a certain crop if you are unsure what seed you are planting. So you must study the seeds to know what seed is for what crop. And then knowing the seed will produce for that crop, you simply sow it into good soil and then go away, and let it do what it is supposed to do.

33 The farmer knows what seed he needs, then he goes out and gets the seed that he knows that he needs, and then he plants it. Therefore he does not plant the seed until he knows it, and receives it and then he plants it.

Hearing, recognizing and acting upon the Word of God.

34 You can not become a Christian until you know that it is God's will to save you. So you hear the Words of salvation, you receive those words, and you act upon it by trusting in the Word of God to save you.

35 Then once you have planted the seed, do not go and dig it up every day and replant it to make sure you planted the right seed. Can you imagine a farmer who knows what seed he will need to produce the crop that he wants to produce and then he plants it, but decides that he must check on it every day to see if the seed is doing what it is meant to do? So he digs it up every day, and looks for the seed to be doing its thing. But if he did that he would never have any crop, because every seed has a certain built in time line for it to decay and unleash the life that is in that seed. And so does the Seed Words of God.

36 You have to understand the working of the Seed. It as a seed is a carrier of Life. Therefore, you must allow that Life to work within its own set of rules to bring forth what it is destined to bring forth. In other words, you have to trust that it is a genuine seed, and it will do what its nature is programmed to do.

37 You have go to know the nature of the seed before you sow it, and so is it with the Word of God. If you do not know God's will for you to be saved or to be healed or for you to receive his help financially or spiritually, then you do not know what seed you are planting and what crop you will bring up.

38 To say, "I believe the Lord is able to heal me," is not the same as "I know the Lord will heal me". Being able to do something verses knowing that something is going to be done are two different things altogether.

39 Jesus did not say in vain if you say to this mountain and do not doubt in your heart you can have what you ask. He did not say to the storm, "Storm I hope you go away", no, not for one second. He said, Storm, be gone, and it went.

40 Brother Branham did not say to the storm in Colorado, Storm, I pray that you will go away, no not for one second. He said, storm depart and it did. I saw those examples and when God told me to take charge of the meeting in western Uganda, I did not say, storm go away if it be Thy will o God. I said, storm, I know where you came from, and I know that you satan are the prince of the power and air, and I know you are only a bluff, because your stinger was pulled out on Calvary, so in the name of Jesus Christ I command you to desist. And it did.

41 You can't stand there and think what if I command this storm and it doesn't go away. What will these ministers think. Right there you are defeated, because you are not looking at the seed promise, but you are looking at the circumstances.

42 You see, the farmer does not look at the circumstances, he looks at the seed, and the nature of that seed, and he knows if he plants it in good soil it will produce a good crop.

43 Did not the apostle Paul tell us in Romans 1:18 that "the Gospel of Christ is the Power of God." So what are you afraid of. If you have the power of God then use it.

44 So you see once you understand the nature of the seed you wish to plant, you just plant it and leave the results up to God. And if you do not understand the nature of the seed you wish to plant, you will never understand the nature of the Word of God which is the original seed. That is what Jesus said in Matthew 13: 23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

- 45** And again he said in Matthew 13: 19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.
- 46** So you see it all depends on whether you understand what you are planting or not. If you do not understand how faith works you will never plant the right seed for it to produce the thing you have need of in your life.
- 47** There is no uncertainty in the Word of God concerning what you need to plant for each situation. And in fact the Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 14:23 "For whatsoever is not of faith is sin". And we know that sin is unbelief.
- 48** And we are told in James 1: 5-8 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. (So you see here he is saying ask God and he shall give what you ask). 6But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. (now this word "wavereth" was translated from a Greek word "diakrino" which means to hesitate, or to withdraw. So if you hesitate to sow your seed or you withdraw from sowing your seed that means you are not actually sowing it at all. Then how do you expect to get anything if you don't sow the seed?)For he that wavereth (he that withdraws from sowing seed) is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.
- 49** So not only are you promised here that you will not receive anything from the Lord if you don't sow for it, but you are also called unstable in God's great record book.
- 50** Seed is powerless unless it is planted. Therefore asking others to pray for your harvest when you haven't planted the proper seeds is like the farmer asking his friends to pray for his harvest knowing he has not even planted his seed in the ground. Therefore praying before you know what you have sown for is futile.
- 51** Jesus said in Mark 11:24Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Now, if you do not understand what it is that you are to receive from God then how can you believe that you have received them? Therefore you have got to understand what it is by the Word of God that you are going after, and then after you have properly laid out the Word Seed of God and plant them into your heart and do not let them depart from your sight but meditate upon them day and night, then and only then can you believe that you will receive what you have asked for. Then you can rest in the promise.
- 52** Listen to what God says concerning his handing out the rewards for our faith. Hebrews 10:35Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. (notice that is not until you have done the will of God that you receive the promise. So you must hear it for faith comes by hearing, then you have got to recognize what it is that you are promised, and then after recognizing what it is that you are promised, then you must act upon it. Hearing, recognizing and acting upon the Word of God, then sit back and watch God's Word go to work for you.) 37For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. 38Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back,(draw back means to keep back or with-hold. So you see unless you fully plant it, it will never produce for you.) but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.
- 53** The wisest man that ever lived told us how to plant our seeds into the right kind of soil. He said in Proverbs 4:20My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. 22For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

54 Notice that God tells us how to actually act upon His Word. He says Amplified version Proverbs 4:20 My son, attend to my words; consent and submit to my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart. Therefore once you have decided what it is that you are planting for, then you are to no longer look at the circumstances, but you are to look to the planting that you have done. He said, let not my promise depart from your eyes. And never let them depart from your heart. Look how Abraham the older he got the more sure of the promise he became.

55 Notice from brother Branham sermon, Works is faith expressed 65-1126 P:95 And don't forget to think about that title. Works or your actions is your faith expressed Here he said, Let's think of Abraham for just a few minutes. Abraham got that holy union complete (See?); he got the whole thing together. He called things contrary to his faith as though it was not; and acted on the same principle. I can imagine, after about twenty years, somebody come by and said, "Father of nations? Abram, you said your name was 'Abraham,' which means 'father of nations.'" Just how many children do you have right now, Abraham?" See? That didn't stumble him a bit. The Bible said he staggered not at the Word of God, through unbelief. He went right ahead making ready, keeping all the booties ready and the bird-eye and everything; he was going to have the baby. That's all.

56 And so he waited until he was 100 years old but it came. God said it would come and it came right on time, when it was supposed to come.

57 The word of God can not produce a crop that is in some multiplied 30 fold and in others 60 fold and in others 100 fold if it is not first heard, received, and acted upon. Notice he says, the Word of God is life to only those who find them, so that is the key. If you do not have the proper seed you can not plant it and if you can not plant it you will not receive the crop that you hoped for. James tells us that it is very crucial to our receiving that we plant the right seed. He says you have not because you asked not, or you asked amiss. In other words, you did not plant the right seed to get the crop that you wanted. A farmer can not sow one seed expecting to reap another? He must sow for what he wants to receive. If you keep planting in your heart seeds of doubt that is the crop you will grow. So which kind of seed do you have in the ground? And which kind of seed are you watering each day. You know your own heart and if you are planting seeds of doubt, then you will never receive the crop you have need of. And if your eyes are on the circumstances, and the seed of doubt is what you are focused upon in your heart, then that is what you are going to get.

58 James 4: 2 Ye lust, and have not (in other words, you want it but you don't receive it, so) ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. (he says, look at all the hard work and the emotions that you spend trying to get the crop that you want, and sometimes you are even willing to kill to get it, but you still can't have it. Why?) 3Ye ask, but you receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. So what does it mean that you ask amiss? It means you are not planting the right seed for what you want.

59 1 Thessalonians 2: 13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

60 In closing, we can see that after you have planted your seed, you believe that it is growing before you see it grow. That is why Paul said, "Faith is the evidence of things not seen." Because although you do not see it growing you know that the Word of God is working mightily in you to the pulling down of strongholds. We are to look at only this evidence of the seed that has been planted, for to look is to live. Learn that if you are to doubt anything you must doubt your doubts, for God's Word is a perfect seed and it has a perfect law of reproduction and law of sowing and reaping that will produce the desires that you have planted for. So look only at the evidence of things not seen. That is the life that is in the seed that you have planted.

61 The seed itself you can see, it is the word of God, but Jesus said My words are spirit and they are life. And in any seed you see the shell and the shuck but you do not see the life inside that shuck. But that life is the evidence of the crop that you sowed for. And even though you can pull back the layers for that shuck you can not see the life and yet it is there and every farmer learns to not trust his eyes, but to trust his sixth sense which is his faith in sowing and reaping.

62 You learn to use your senses each one at a time, and yet because you do not see something with your eyes, that does not mean that it is not there. You can use your other senses to tell you that it is there. The blind man is missing one sense and yet he can hear the person coming and tell by the manner of walk who it is that is coming. Or he may be able to tell by the persons smell who is that just entered the room. So just because you can't see it, does not mean it is not there. And just because you can not hear it does not mean it is not there. And just because you can not feel it does not mean it is there. And so we must learn that when one sense fails us we have 5 more to rely upon, and when the 5 senses fail you we have the sixth sense which is just as important as the other five.