

#75 This Treasure in Earthen Vessels

1 This morning I would like to speak from The Spoken Word is the Original Seed, but before we do, I have one more comment on the subject we spoke on last week concerning Communism and the Church, or Communism in America.

2 Now, we know that according to scripture what is happening in America is because she has turned down the Message from God. We saw this in Deuteronomy 28 where the curses of God are pronounced upon any nation or people who do not hearken to the Voice of the Lord God. And we know to hearken means to pay close attention to it. Now, this is important to know because the curse can be reversed if the people would only turn from their wicked ways and hearken to or pay attention to the message of the Hour. The Voice of God to this generation.

3 From his sermon The Former and latter rain 60-0303 P:19 Brother Branham said, "Then when they was all in there, dancing and going on like a modern Pearl Harbor, when they were dancing and stripping young ladies of their clothes, and running them through the streets, and so forth, all of a sudden there was an attack. The enemy watches for nighttime to come. He likes to come in the night. The great raids in our armies today is at nighttime. And that's what...You talk of communism. Communism's laying for one thing. We hear so much about it today. Communism's wanting one thing, the nation's honeycombed with it, but it's waiting for what little spiritual we have got to die out, till it gets darkness in the church. That's the only way it can strike. Let the Americans who claim to be Christians rise to their feet in the Name of the Lord, call out, communism would have no place. But we weave right into it, and our churches is even full of it, sure, everywhere. The whole thing's polluted; the whole body's polluted. There's only one sound thing and only one Foundation, that's Jesus Christ. On Jesus Christ is the only Rock of salvation that I know of. The only way of escape is through Jesus Christ. He is the One.

4 So you see there is a way out, but America take that one way out of this crisis? Will she do it? Absolutely not. Why? because she is thinks she is rich and increased with goods, and doesn't even know that she is Poor, wretched, miserable and naked, and she doesn't even know it. So how can she repent when she doesn't even think she has anything to repent of? But she does, and her conditions show it too! But she can't see it, so she does nothing but the same thing over and over again.

5 You know that is a sign of insanity when you do the same thing over and over again thinking it will change somehow if you do. She got herself into trouble spending money she doesn't have and now she thinks she will get out of trouble by spending even more money that she doesn't have. That is incredibly stupid. But we are forewarned that at the end-time the only people with a sane mind are those that have the mind of Christ. And we are there. And the only way of escape is through Jesus Christ, that's it. So come into Christ while you still have time. And repent of all your wicked ways, and acknowledge that without Christ you are lost.

6 Now, in picking up at paragraph 53 of The Spoken Word is the original Seed, brother Branham said, Now, that's why we believe it, that It is the Word of God; therefore God's spoken Word is original. And everything that God created (spoke into existence) is original. And you can hybreed some of His creation secondarily. That's the reason Eve could do what she did with her own seed, because she wasn't in the original creation. She's a byproduct of the man, not in the creation of God. God created the whole things, and then He took a part of His creation and made a helpmate. That's the reason you can hybreed a donkey and a horse, but it won't last. It's death. But the original has got life. It comes back again. I hope you can see it now. The original has the life; so that's the reason I think that cults and denominations and organizations die. History proves they're every one dead. They

never did rise no more; they never will. They can't breed themselves back. Got nothing to breed with; they're sterile. That's why Eve's children dies.

7 Now, before we go on to the next paragraph let's ask ourselves this question. Why do organizations, and denominations all die spiritually? Because they have gone away from the Word of God which is the Original Seed, and they have hybrid the Word of God with their own thoughts and words, to form their creeds, and it won't work. It can't work.

8 Now, brother Branham continues by saying, 54 Now, I'm taking my time, so the tapes, give people time to study. I don't want to be in any hurry. I want to just take my time. I don't know what'll happen from here on, but I want this to the people that even though someday God take me from the world, if I don't live to see His coming, the message will still live on. True. Stay with the Word.

9 55 Now, remember, every spoken Word of God is the original Seed. God planted everything in the earth by His Word, and as long as you stay with the original seed, it will breed itself right back and reproduce itself again. Hybreed it, it dies. And Eve, the woman, was the first hybrid thing there ever was. Now, I hope you don't turn tapes off till we get down and prove that after while (See?), show you just why.

10 56 She was a hybreeder, a bride. Notice, through that brought death, through trying to take the Word of God and mix some wisdom with It. See? You're not supposed to do that. Whether you believe it's got wisdom to explain it, just say, "God said it, and that settles it" And God said so, and that's all there is to it. If you can't explain it, leave it alone, but just say it's so because God said so. See, just say, "God said it."

11 57 Now, notice. Now, it will not mix. It must not be tampered with; God will punish the one that does it; and It will not hybreed to nothing else. It's God's Word alone. God don't need your word with His. We're not supposed to speak our own word; we're supposed to preach His Word, God's Word.

12 Now, let's go to the Scriptures to prove this point here. Let's turn in our Bibles to 2 Corinthians 4:1 Now, notice what Paul says here. Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; In other words, Paul is saying, Since God has so generously let us in on what he is doing, we're not about to throw up our hands and walk off the job just because we run into occasional hard times.

13 So Paul says, We don't handle the Word of God deceitfully, nor do we maneuver behind the scenes with ulterior motives, nor do we twist god's word to suite ourselves. Rather, what Paul is saying is, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God. Then in verse 3 Paul says, But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

14 In other words, Paul says, If our Message is obscure to anyone, it's not because we're holding back in any way. No, it's because these other people are looking or going the wrong way and refuse to give it serious attention, and they have been blinded by the god of this evil age, and not unwillingly, but they are willfully ignorant and as such they will pay the price for it.

15 In verse 4 Paul says, In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

16 All they have eyes for is the fashion god of darkness. They think he can give them what they want, and they won't have to bother believing a Truth which they can not see. But they are completely blind to the shining forth of the Message for God Himself came down as a Pillar of Fire shining light on the Shout or Message he came

with and the pictures have gone around the world, and the doctrine has gone into 187 countries and so they think because there are more who believe their way, that makes them right. And they will find out one day how wrong that decision was for them. And so we find Paul warning us all in verse 5 that the Message is not supposed to be about ourselves, but about what Christ has done for us. Paul said, For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

17 Remember, brethren, our Message is not about ourselves; our job is to proclaim Jesus Christ. He's the one who made healing, and salvation, and redemption and inheritance available to us. And what the ministry forgets is that all we are is just little messengers. We are nothing but little errand boys from Jesus for you. And a messenger doesn't carry his own message, he carries the message of another. Paul continues in verse 6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

18 Therefore it began for us when God said, "I will come down as the Pillar of Fire to catch their attention to bring the Light of My Presence to them in order to bring down the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the Knowledge of Myself, and our lives became filled up with light as we saw and understood God in the face of the parousia presence of Christ.

19 And then Paul says, But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. Now, that's where the problem begins. Because the treasure of the revelation of Christ comes into the vessels that are supposed to reflect it out to others, and we allow our earthen vessel to get in the way. And so If you only look at us, you might just miss the brightness of the Shekinah presence that came down in this hour.

20 You see, that is where Balaam missed it with God. He saw the sin of the people but he failed to see the Pillar of Fire in their midst. And that is where Peter made his near fatal mistake. As long as he had his eyes on Christ he could walk on water with Christ. As long as he was walking in the light he was having fellowship with Christ, and the blood of Jesus Christ was cleansing from all his sin. But when Peter took his eyes off of Christ that is when he sank. And when you begin to get your eyes on the vessel that God is using, then you have gotten your eyes off of Christ, and that is when you will sink into fault finding.

21 Paul said, we carry this precious Message around in the unadorned clay pots of our ordinary lives. And why is that? God allows that in order to prevent anyone from confusing God's incomparable power and glory with mere mortal men. Look, the greatest critic of me is myself, and that is true of all God's children, So stop with the fault finding, and just keep your eyes on the author and finisher of your faith. You know for yourselves that we're not much to look at, but neither are you.

22 In verse 8 Paul says, We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

23 We've been surrounded and battered by troubles it seems from so many directions, but some how we are not yet demoralized; in many cases we are not sure what to do, but we know that God knows what to do; we've been spiritually terrorized by some, but God hasn't left our side; we've been thrown down by some, but we haven't broken a bone in the process. So why fret? There is nothing that we have suffered that others before us have not gone through. And Christ went through much more than what we have to show us how to go through the fiery trials.

24 10Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. 11For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of

Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.¹²So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

25 We have a promise that what they did to Jesus, they will do to us too, so we receive trials and even torture, mockery and even character assassination perhaps instead of physical death. But what Jesus did among them, he can do in us too, if we let Him live our trials in us, for us. For we have been crucified with Christ, nevertheless, we are still living, and yet it is no longer we ourselves who are living, but Christ is living our lives for us in these bodies of flesh, if we can just let go and let God. Our lives are at constant risk for Jesus' sake, which makes Jesus' life all the more evident in us. While we're going through the worst, just let Him live out his life in you and you will see his very nature and character develop in you until it comes upon you and overtakes you.

26 ¹³We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;¹⁴Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. ¹⁵For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

27 Notice he is saying, "We're not going to keep this quiet, not for one minute. As it was written, I believe it, therefore I say it," therefore we say what we believe. And what we believe is that the One who raised up our Eldest brother Jesus from the grave will just as certainly raise us up with him, to be with him alive for all eternity. Therefore, every detail is working to your advantage and to God's glory.

28 In Conclusion Paul says, "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; ¹⁸While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

29 So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small in comparison to the wonderful times that are coming for us, and the wonderful time of adoption that lays just ahead of us if we are found to be the right kind of children. While we can not yet see those things which are not yet manifested to us, yet God's word of promise is as sure as though those things already exist in our present state of being. The things we see now which are here today, and gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.

30 Now, in getting back to paragraph 58 Brother Branham said, "Now, therefore, true life can only come or reproduce itself by its original breeding. See, life... Now, keep... Now, study that, now, when you're studying the tapes and study it now. Life--L-I-F-E--can only be reproduced by its original breeding, the way it started at the beginning; then it reproduces itself. See? If it doesn't, it's a hybrid; it runs out. Some of them run out in the first generation (See?) it's gone right then. It'll soon find itself back. It can't bring correct life because it's hybrid."

31 So by what life are we trying to live in these bodies. And when you come into trials, by what life are you trying to get out of them? By lying, and hiding the truth, or by confession and fearing what no man can do to you, but what God alone can do. In others, what I am trying to say is this. We are coming into more trial down the road and it could be very soon. And if we are struggling to let Christ live through us with these simple trials which have nothing to do with life or death, but which most of our trials have to deal with our pride. Then how are we going to be able to endure the squeeze when it comes when both physical life and spiritual life and emotional life will all be under a pressure greater than you have ever experienced. If you are failing now, what then?

32 From his sermon Seal of God P:111, brother Branham said, "When the great Book is opened, what then? When the ones that's rejected the Saviour today, Will be asked to give a reason--What then? Your job stood in

your way. Your parents stood in your way. Your boy friend stood in your way. Your girl friend stood in the way. Your church stood in the way. What then? What then? When the great Book is opened, what then? When the ones that's rejecting this Message tonight, You're going to be asked to give a reason, What then? What are you going to do about it? You know what the mark of the beast is. You know what the Seal of the God is. It's up to you. May the Lord bless you, while we stand.

33 Your going to stand there, just as certain as this Book is written. You'll going to stand there and be asked for a reason. Oh, it pays us, my brother, sister; it behooves us as sons and daughters of God to check up on ourselves every hour of the day. Paul said, "I die daily. Yet I live, not I, but Christ lives in me." See? Be checked up, because you don't know what hour you're going to be summoned to answer on high. Brother, sister, no matter how long you profess Christianity, if you're not inside that blood Cell with Christ this morning don't let today pass. Come in today. It's yours. You don't have to come to the altar. The only thing you have to do is accept it. Believe it. And God, in return, if your faith is direct like Abraham's was, then God will give you the Holy Ghost to seal you into His Kingdom, and you're sealed until the day of your redemption. The Scripture said, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you're sealed until the day of your redemption."

34 Have you got that experience this morning, brothers and sisters? You didn't come to hear me. No, I hope not any way. But I believe you come to hear the Word. Listen, my friends, if you don't have that Rest, you can find It right now. You don't have to come up here at the altar; but just set right where you are. Be sincere, and say, "Christ, just speak to my heart. I know I haven't allowed you to live you life out through me, but will you forgive me and come into my heart right now, and abide in me, so I can abide in you. You said Lord, if you abide in me and my word abides in you, then you will come in and make your abode in us. Will you do it right now Lord? Will you come into my heart and take over this vessel? I'm offering it to you, and I'm asking you to do it. So grant this petition of mine, Lord, that I am asking in the name of your obedient Son Jesus Christ, I pray, amen!

35 God bless you till we meet again.