

#91 Two spirits

1 Matthew 13:18Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. 19When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understands it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catches away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. Now, this parable ought to show you just how important it is to understand the Word of God which has been sown by the Son of Man in this day.

2 Now, verse 20But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receives it; 21Yet hath he no root in himself, but endures for a while: for when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, by and by he is offended. Notice this one has no root. In other words, because he is not planted by the river of Life, he has no way to sustain the joy that he received in hearing the Word. He is not born again. Although when He hears the Message, and has a joy in hearing it, because he is not born again in time he just fades away like a leaf that at one time had water but becomes dried out and withers away and dies. No root, to way to hold the water, and so must dry up and die.

3 Now, verse 22He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. Notice it is not the Word that becomes unfruitful, but the person who received the Word becomes unfruitful. Now, when Jesus saw that the tree did not produce fruit he cursed it and it dried up and died. So these people are in danger of the curse. And what caused it? The cares of this world choke the word preventing the Word from manifesting fruit in the persons life.

4 23But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understands it; which also produces fruit, and brings forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. So here we see that understanding the Word produces fruit in our lives, more in some than in others, but in all who understand the Word it does provide fruit.

5 Now, let's go further with this and look at the next parable Jesus tells us here about the sowing of the Word in the End-time by the Son of Man. 24Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 26But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? 28He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

6 Now, in this parable we see that in the same field two different kinds of seeds are sown. Brother Branham describes these two different seed forms of life as thus from the Spoken Word is the Original Seed.

7 69And some fell among thorns; and... sprang up with it, and choked it. See, what was that? He goes ahead and tells that some as soon as they get to be... I'm not going to pull one punch today on nothing. Just what I think the Christian Business Men, and the rest of them of these Pentecostal organizations, and these people that's building all these big millions of dollars of things, the riches of the world has choked out the glory and Spirit of God. Dying because it's choked. The world, care of the world, has choked them out.

8 70 The women wants to be active, and bob off their hair, and have water head haircuts, wear shorts, and look like the rest of the world. The preacher stands in the pulpit, practice their "ah-mens" and afraid of the Word of God because of a meal ticket. If they can't ride a Cadillac they're not even considered spiritual anymore. That's right. If they can't dress in the best of clothes and do everything else, they're considered: "They are backslid. They're not so-and-so." An old man back there, old Brother Kidd, told me this morning they don't want him no more, because he's old and he stays right with the Word. What's the matter? They lack moisture. All right. And fell on... And others fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit... when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath (an) ear to hear, let him hear. Oh what a parable. How I could like to preach a text on that now, a sermon. When He had said these things... the 8th chapter the 8th verse and 8th chapter. ...others fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit a hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried... (screamed out, something maybe like this when He said, "Bring forth a hundredfold. He that hath an ear let him hear." In other words, if your ear's in tune with God, let him hear. See?) ... his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom... (The mysteries... See what He's talking about here? Now, watch. What is the mysteries of the kingdom? Watch just a minute.)... mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might see--might not see, and hearing they might not understand... (See, but God's Word comes right on down to the judgment to judge them, 'cause they did see it. It was there.)

9 Furthermore, these two seed forms are different seed life that is in the church or the field at the end-time. Now, since a seed is a carrier of a specific nature or life, we can then see that there are two different life's of spirits that will be in the church comingling at the end-time. Therefore, what I wish to speak on this morning is the two seeds that were sown, one being the children of the kingdom or sons and daughters of God, and the other are the children of the wicked one.

10 Matthew 13: 38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

11 Therefore being that they were sown into the same field from two different sources, we have Twins. And brother Branham defined TWINS as one mother with two fathers.

12 From his sermon, POWER OF TRANSFORMATION 65-1031M 135 There's always twins. And that's the reason... Don't forget this, little flock. The church in the last days is going to be twins, so close that'd deceive the elected: Matthew 24:24. See? The church is going... It's a Pentecostal move. It's so much like the real thing, till it would deceive the very elected if it was possible. And a little later on, if I get the chance, I want to explain what, how that election comes. See, it's going to deceive them, because it's almost like the same thing. See, just two fathers, that's all; same mother, same church, same movement, same thing. The bedding ground is the same, where the Word falls; but one of them, like here, is perverted. You understand? Say "amen" if you did see. [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] See, one of them is a perversion, because it's the wrong father. Which, I will prove someday, if God will let me, that denomination is the mark of the beast. See, it's a wrong father. He's steering people to an organization instead of to the Word. See? It's the wrong father. It's a Cain move.

13 If the bedding ground is the same, and if the church is the same, and if the movement is the same, then this tells us that right here in this message there will be two spirit that are so close that it could deceive the very elect if it were possible. So it is imperative for us to understand what these two spirits are that are so close that they act the same, talk the same, worship the same, make the same sacrifices, etc., but it is imperative that we can identify what that wrong spirit is that we be not deceived. Because if you do not understand this message, you will not bring forth fruit unto it. But it is not an altogether mental cognition we are talking about, but a dynamic revelation of what this Message is all about.

14 Remember, the wise virgins heard the midnight cry but so did the foolish virgins as well. They both heard the Voice and both came out from where they were to see what it was all about, but only one had the oil in her vessel. One had the Holy Spirit and the others did not.

15 Now, this morning we are looking at these two spirits that are to be so close that it would deceive the very elect if it were possible. Notice he said that these two spirits have the same mother, but different fathers, so they will have different natures, and yet the same mother, or same movement or same church. Now, this is important to understand because we are dealing with deception, and it isn't that the deception is some diabolical plot, but what we see here is that there are two forms of life that come forth at every revival. One is born again, spirit filled, while the other is not, just simply a carnal believer. Now, being that they are a carnal believer does not mean that they do evil things. It means they simply have it in their head but not in their soul. Mentally they can hear the Message, and being intelligent people they can rationally believe it, and mimic it in their words and actions, but they truly do not have it in their hearts. And the hearts is where the soul abides, so we can say it is not a spiritual birth to them, just a mental recognition.

16 Now, this is the condition the people were in when brother Branham left the scene. From his sermon, God's only provided place of worship 65-1128M P:20 I believe the church is begin to hear the message, and beginning to understand. But, friends, listen, we've got to lay in the Presence of the Son; we've got to be ripened. Our--our faith isn't ripe. Intellectually we're hearing the message that God has give us, and seeing the signs that He showed us, and proving it by the Bible as that; but, oh, how the church needs to lay in His Presence till it tenders up, you know, and gets sweet in the Spirit so that it can bathe down. Sometimes in speaking the message, you get harsh, have to break it in like that, because you've got to clinch a nail to make it hold. But when the church once gets it, the Elected is called out and separated then in the Presence of God, I know it'll be something like the people was there when it takes its rapture.

17 So we must come to this sweet spirit which is none other than the Holy Spirit life reflecting itself out of each and everyone of us who are elect.

18 From brother Branham's sermon, Mark of the beast 61-0217 P:31 he says, Now, therefore the great church making itself ready. We find out that Esau and Jacob, before either child was born, God said He loved one and hated the other. And remember, they were twins: same mother, same father. Get it? Twins. Every revival produces twins. Certainly does. There's twins born in natural man and the spiritual man. It was back in the garden of Eden, Cain and Abel, the same thing. Started from there, just keeps coming on down. And look at the church, Jesus the Pastor, Judas the treasurer, brothers, out of the same tribe, so forth, right in the same group, same church. One the Pastor, and the other one the treasurer. One a devil and one God. That's the way it goes. Jesus said, "In the last days the two spirits would be so close it would deceive the very elected if it was possible." Amen. If it was possible, but it isn't. And it... They'll never do it. All right.

19 So we are looking at TWIN spirits, one which is spiritual and the other is carnal. Now, the problem is that we are warned in Scriptures that all those whose names were not written in the lambs book of life before the world was fashioned will take the mark of the beast. Now, let's read from the book of Revelations chapter 13 and verse 8 and 16 so we can see who will have the mark of the beast.

20 Revelation 13: 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

21 Revelation 13: 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

22 Now, I want you to notice He said, all, yes ALL people in the world who did not have representation in Christ before the foundations of the world, will worship the beast. Notice verse 16 he causes all will receive a mark in their forehead, and in their hand. Therefore if it is all, then just because you might be in the Message, does not guarantee that you will not receive the mark of the beast. So what is the mark of the beast? Let's see what brother Branham tells us. He tells us that it is the mark of apostasy.

23 Mark of the beast 54-0513 P:74 Now, you see what the mark of the beast is? It's the mark of apostasy. It's a person who just thinks that, "Well, I belong to church, and I'm just as good as the next fellow. Am not I belonging to this church?" And you realize where your church organization that you're depending on, where it come from? Do you realize? The Bible said, "He that worships the beast, receives his mark, or the letter of his name (Now, watch.) in forehead or hand." That's knowledge or deed.

24 (Now, I want you to catch what brother Branham says next here). That don't mean you got a big tattoo on your face. It don't have to be that. It's not talking of the outward. It's talking of spiritual. You watch him and see what he knows about the Scripture. Listen to him and see where he goes to. "If any man don't have this doctrine, there's no Light in him," the Bible said. See? See? Watch where it goes to. Watch what he does. You say, "Well, I belong. I'm Protestant. Yes, sir. I belong to this certain church. Yes, sir." And on Sunday you just have about enough respect for it to come in out of the rain. He goes down, instead of going to prayer meeting, you'll close up the church and set and watch television. He goes out here and he drinks and carries on and acts like the rest of the world, yet he belongs to the church. Remember, that's the mark of sin.

25 So brother Branham is telling us that the mark of the beast which is the mark of apostasy is a church spirit. So what is a church spirit? It is a religious spirit that loves church and loves to attend church but not is not spirit filled. It worships just like the spirit filled person does. It makes sacrifice just like the Spirit filled person does. It will even talk the word non stop if you let it, but it has not the Life of God abiding in their soul.

26 Jude 1: 10But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. 11Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. 12These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; 13Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

27 Listen to what he tells us in his sermon called, Seed not heir with shuck 65-0218 P:42 Notice, see how close it looks. St. Matthew 24:24, said that the two spirits in the last days, the church spirit of the church people and the Bride Spirit of the Bride people, would be so close together till it would deceive the very elected if it was possible . That's how close. Look how it's come through the stalk.

28 Now, that is quite a strong statement, but it is very understandable, that the way the two spirits could be so close is because they are in the same church, same movement, same message. One receives the Spirit of Christ through the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the other receives the mark of the beast which is nothing but a church spirit, which is a religious spirit. So they can quote the prophet, and use the same terminology that the elect will use, but they have not a revelation of the Word.

29 Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:124 The new birth is Christ, is a revelation. God has revealed to you this great mystery, and that's the new birth. Now, what are you going to do when you get all that group together, where the revelation is perfectly in harmony, and God expressing it through His Word by the same actions, the same things that He did, making the Word manifest? Oh, if the Church only knew its position. It will one day.

Then, the rapture will go when it knows what it is. Now, notice. You say, "Brother Branham, but that--that ain't..." Oh, yes, it is, too. It is the Truth.

30 Queen of Sheba 60-0401E P:50 when Christ reveals Himself to you, not in an intellectual form, but in a new birth form...

31 Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:120 Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ in the Bible, makes the Bible a complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing. See, what God's trying to do? What is the new birth then? You say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new birth?" It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you. Amen. See? **Not** you joined a church, you shook a hand; you done something different; you said a creed; you promised to live by a code of rules; but Christ, the Bible... He is the Word that was revealed to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ. Pastor, priest, whatever it might be... It's Christ in you. That is the revelation that the Church was built upon.

32 God of this evil age 65-0801M P:31 The two spirits, one of them God's Holy Spirit, the other one the devil's spirit working in deception. The people of the earth are now making their choice. The Holy Spirit is here calling out a Bride for Christ. He's doing it by vindicating His Word of promise to Her for this age, showing that It is Christ. If the finger's supposed to move in this age, the finger will move. If the foot's supposed to move in this age, the foot will move. If the eye is to see in this age, the eye will see. See? The Spirit of God, as It's grown into the full statue of God is... The age that we're now living in, the Holy Spirit is here vindicating the Message of the hour. And the Holy Spirit is doing this, so that the people that believe God will be called out of this chaos. The devil's unholy spirit is here calling his church by the error, as usual, by perversion of the Word of God like he did at the beginning. See it coming right back to that seed time again? From Eden, here it is again.

33 We would see Jesus 61-0409 P:40 So don't place sin on smoking, drinking, gambling; that's not sin; that's the attributes of unbelief. Sin is unbelief. You might never touched a cigarette, drank, or never done anything evil in your life; if you disbelieve God's Word, you're still a sinner. Sin is unbelief. There's only two spirits; one believes and the other does not believe.

34 Ten virgins 60-1211M P:113 All right, now, during this church age... Oh, here's something so beautiful. I like this so well. During these church ages, there is two spirits working almost alike right down through here: one is the denomination; the other one is the Holy Ghost. And Jesus said they were so close that they would deceive the very elected if it was possible. These two spirits are marking their people for future judgment. Satan promised that he would have more than Christ, and he has. Now, watch this real, real close now as we get to this: more than it would be, marking the people.

35 Hear recognize act on word 60-0221 P:47 Now, about two thousand years ago, it came to a head, and it headed up in two men: one of them, Jesus Christ; the other, Judas Iscariot. Now, Jesus associated the coming, of His second coming, that these two spirits would be a lot different than what they was back there. Now, here's where I want you to put on your glory garments. These two spirits are going to be different. Because Satan come and lived in a man that was a church member, Judas Iscariot, lived in the carnal church, and was a friend to the church all the time. But he come in and deceived, or thought he was deceiving, his brother. He come in and pertained to be one of them, tasted the good things of God, moved right along in the Spirit, seeming to be, went out and preached the Gospel, and cast out devils. But down in him, all the time he was Judas to begin with. The Bible said, "He was born the son of perdition."

36 I will restore 54-0620A P:22 Now, watch these two spirits on these boys spring up here in Genesis, and watch it end off in Revelations. And let's bring it through the Bible a few minutes on these two vines. I'll take

Cain to my left side, Abel to my right side. Now, and now, both of those boys was religious. Both of them were worshipers of God. Now, remember, Cain built an altar to the Lord. In other words, he had a church. And if a church membership is all God requires, Cain was just as good a man as Abel was, and as just as Abel was, if God only requires a man to go to church. Cain went to church. Well, you say, "Wait a minute now." All right. Cain was also a worshiper of God. Do you realize that you could belong to church and worship God and still not be a Christian? Cain in the beginning... Now, don't fall out with me. Just set still a minute; let's look at it through the Scripture. See?

37 Father the hour has come 56-1002A P:57 The time has come where there's a falling away. The Bible said, "Except there come a falling away, the man of sin won't reveal Himself." The Pentecostal church is living in the final of all times. The time has come. The time has come for the signs to follow the believers. We're at the end time. We're in the latter rain. We're at the time when men will be heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, and despisers of those that are good. Heady, high-minded... The time has come when they're teaching doctrines of devils, perverting the Bible's teaching into theories and theologies to draw groups of people away after them.

38 Father the hour has come 56-1002A P:10 And we get our chartered set right towards Calvary, and no matter which way the wind's blowing, we're still looking to Calvary, whether it's opposite, or whether whatever it is, we still are set towards Calvary. That's the true believer. And then we're not tossed about by every wind of doctrines, and this comes in, and that comes in, and this takes place; we just got that one pilot course that's right to Calvary. I think that's what God meant when He spoke through Jude over there and said, "A clouds without rain, wandering stars..." just wandering around about. That's not right; we shouldn't do that. We should just... When a Christian is first born in the Kingdom of God his affection, his life, everything is set right on Christ. If he's just a little bit smart, if you don't watch he will put all of it over on education and go off to real cold formal, and indifferent, and everything, some theology, or some great interpretation of Greek words.

39 God of this evil age 65-0801M P:88 As She is part of the Groom, true to Him in every point, waiting the Wedding, uniting, not at the ecumenical council, but in the sky, the wedding supper. She has been given (This is for our own church.) the... She has been given and revealed to Her the Seven Sealed mysteries of the Bible. She--she sees the folly of the deceiver, so very close to the Truth that almost deceive the Elected; She sees it. She... See the two opposing spirits at work in this evil age? Can you see it? Each very religious, Cain and Abel, spirits again coming to their heads, still same as they started: one worshipping by beauty, and by knowledge, and by education, and by science, and by ethics; and the other one by faith of the revelation of the Word of God. Both of them is standing right in this building this morning. That's right. (Note: he preached this in his own church)

40 What shall I do with Jesus 63-1124M P:97 God's Body united as His Bride, being One. Him and Christ together, as the Spirit working in the flesh of the church like It worked in the flesh of Jesus Christ, 'cause It's part of His Body, not twain, but One. They are One. A husband and wife's no longer two, but one. And Christ and His Body is One. And the same Spirit was in Christ is in His Bride, in His Body, that unites them together with all the Word. And God living in there Himself manifested.

41 How can I overcome 63-0825M P:28 But now, the enemy has come in, in the name of the church; and it's so deceiving. This is a great age of deception when... Christ said so, the two spirits would be so close in the last days till it would deceive the very elected if it was possible. See, see? See? And remember, Christ spoke of a elected people for the last day. See? It would deceive the very elected if it were possible, so close.

42 Ensign an 62-0119 P:35 And if you'll notice, sometimes those spirits that get onto man... And it's a day coming, and is at hand now, where the Christian church, the church of the Lord Jesus Christ ought to be so spiritual, because that Jesus said that the two spirits would be so close till it would deceive the very elected if it

was possible. The enemy is so cunning.

43 We would see Jesus 61-0409 P:40 There's only two spirits; one believes and the other does not believe.