

#93 Blind and Deaf to the Word

1 Good morning. Let us remain standing for the reading of the Word of God. If we will open our Bibles to Luke chapter 8 and we will read from verse 4.

2 Luke 8:4 And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: 5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. 6 And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. 7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. 8 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. 9 And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? 10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

3 Let us pray. Dear Father we come to Thee as the all knowing omniscient Sovereign King, Who is the Only Wise God, and we ask that you would help us this morning Father as we read from Thy Word to receive a better understanding of what it is that you would have us to know in this hour. We know that this is the hour of Laodicea and we know that the people are ordained to be blind, miserable and naked, and yet they do not know it. Then help us Father to know You better for You are the author and Finisher of our Faith, and without Your taking an active participation in our Life we are but sounding brass and tinkling of symbols. We know and understand that You have come with the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the Knowledge of Yourself in this hour, so we ask you to help us to receive that greatest of all gifts, to get ourselves out of the way, and we ask it in Jesus Christ's name your beloved son, who showed us how to do so, amen.

4 Brother Branham used Luke 8 and verse 10 to bring to us this sermon on the Spoken Word is the original Seed. And we find him speaking of this in the last half of paragraph 70 which I will call 70b. ... "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 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.)

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6 Now, this morning I would like to address these thoughts that br. Branham is alluding to here from what Jesus said in Luke 8: 9 And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? 10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

7 What does this mean, seeing they might not see? And hearing they might not understand?

8 What we are looking at is the ability to see with our eyes, and know with our heart. To hear with our ears and to be able to understand what it is that we are hearing.

9 Jesus tells us here that only some are ordained to perceive what they see and understand what they are hearing when it comes to the Word of God. He called those who could do so blessed.

10 This scenario that we see in the book of Luke we see also in the book of Matthew 13:10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? Notice, when he spoke to a mixed multitude, he used stories and parables, and they asked Him why He did that. And He told them it is for hiding from them what they are not ordained to know and understand.) 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. He says, you are supposed to know these things but they are not supposed to know.)

11 Notice in verse 13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; He says they are able to see with their eyes, but they are not able to see with the eyes of their heart and hearing they hear not, and although they are hearing with their ears, they are not able to listen and therefore neither can they understand. He then says, neither do they understand. 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, 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 (that's their understanding,) is waxed gross, and their ears (the ability to listen attentively) is dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed;..

12 So they closed their own eyes willfully. "lest at any time they should see with their eyes",. Notice He says these people are only looking through their own eyes. They are left to themselves.) and hearing with their own ears, which tells me that these people cannot look with the eyes of God, nor do they hear with the help of God, and they understand with their own heart, Notice the understanding is with their own hearts, and yet we have a promise of a new heart, but these people do not have a new heart. They do not have a new understanding, because they are left up to their own heart or their own understanding.

13 The Bible teaches us, "There is a way which seems right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death". Man can not get the right understanding on his own. Revelation of God's Word is a gift from God and either He gives it to you, or you are left on your own without it. "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",....

14 So you see if they were converted they would not see with their own eyes, nor would they hear with their own ears, nor would they understand with their own heart, but they would see with God's eyes, and hear with God's ears and understand with the mind of Christ.

15 16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

16 So we see that those who can see with the eyes of God, and hear with the ears of God, and understand with the mind of Christ are those who have been given a new heart and a new spirit from God. Therefore there is no way for us to see and hear and thus understand what the Kingdom of God is all about unless God himself has ordained it to be so.

17 EZEKIEL 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do [them].

18 Concerning this new heart and new spirit, Brother Branham said in the message IMPERSONATION OF CHRISTIANITY 57-0120M So God had to give you a new heart, not a patched up one, a new heart. That's your intellects that you think with, a new way of thinking. 043 Then He said after that, "Then I'll give you a new spirit." What's that? A new desire, "I want to do right."

19 And then God said, I will give you My Spirit. First God gives you a new understanding. Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father which is in Heaven. God gives you that new understanding. Then that new understanding brings forth a new desire in your heart, and finally God gives you His Own Spirit, His own God-Life and places it within you which is "Christ in the you, the Hope of Glory". Christ in you, the anointing of God in you, the earnest expectation of having the very mind that was in Christ be in you. Look, how else could you understand the things of God except the spirit of God be in you.

20 I CORINTHIANS 2:9 But 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. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for The Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For 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 knows. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but The spirit which is of (of = out from) God; that we might know (and here is the key, we receive the spirit of God that we might know the things of God) the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them,(Why?) because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

21 So you see then, that it takes a mind that has been anointed from God to be able to see and hear the things that are freely given to us from God. But the natural man can not see nor can he hear, and neither can he understand. And so we see that Jesus used parables because they would be given in such a way that those who did not have the Spirit of Christ in them, would not in any way, shape or form be able to understand, perceive, and have any clue as to what they really meant. And we will find out from Jesus own Words in Mathew 13 when he is asked about his use of parables, he tells them that he uses them so that those who are not ordained to see will not be able to get it, and those who are ordained to get it will.

22 Again we find this understanding being again referenced in the Book of Mark.

23 MARK 4:10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. 11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, (the Greek word there was EXO which means outside or those on the outside,) all these things are done in parables: 12 for the reason That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

24 In fact in the Gospel of Mark Chapter 4:24 we hear Jesus warn the people to be careful in what manner they are hearing or listening. 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. Now, the word "what" was translated from a Greek word which does not mean "what" as though it is speaking of "a particular thing" you are hearing, but rather it means "in what manner you are hearing". Therefore a better rendering would be, "take heed in what manner you are hearing, for with what you use to measure it out, that is what you will be given." In other words, Jesus is telling them that the way they come to hear is the way they will hear. Therefore, his warning was not to be careful about the actual thing they were hearing, but the attitude in which they came to hear. For the attitude in which they came will either cause them to go away blessed or cursed. The Word is a two edged sword and it cuts coming and going. And if people come to the Word with their minds already made up, that is what they will go away with as well.

25 In the Book of Deuteronomy 28 we see that the attitude that the people take towards the Word of God will either bring them blessings or it will bring upon them cursing. They will be blessed if they take it into their heart

and believe it and live it, but if they turn their hearts from it, that same word will then become a curse to them. Therefore when Jesus is warning us that we must be careful how we approach the Word, he is not giving us new advice. This is the very same advice God gave us in the Book of Deuteronomy.

26 Deuteronomy, the book of Two laws, shows us the 2 laws of the blessing and cursing, but both come by the same Word. It all depends on what you do with it, and how you approach it. If you come with your mind already made up, then it becomes a curse to you. If you come with an open mind and an open heart, then the Word will bring Life to you.

27 Again we find Jesus give the same warning in the Book of Luke. Luke 8: 18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have. Now, in this translation we see the words, Take heed therefore how ye hear, but we know that Jesus is not telling them to take heed how you hear as if there is some other way to hear than with the ears. Therefore, again we see it is not the particular thing but rather the manner in which they have come to hear that he is warning them about.

28 The Greek word that this was translated "how" means "in what way". Therefore again we hear Jesus say in Mark, "take heed in what manner you hear", and in the book of Luke, we hear Him say, "Take heed in what way you hear." Now, both of these statements are very consistent, and could actually be translated using the same words.

29 Now, the problem as I see it is that people who go through life looking through a rear view mirror are certain to crack up. And so will the church. As Brother Branham said in his audio letter to Br. Vayle, "if they only see it in the hour past, then there's no hope for the church. The church must see it in the present tense and "For it is impossible for those which were once enlightened and didn't move on with the Word as it come to pass...they're dead, gone."

30 Jesus said they were ordained to see but not perceive and to hear without understanding. And yet we find in 1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

31 So we can see from this very scripture that the very purpose of the Son of God coming to earth was to give us an understanding of God.

32 1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, So we see here that he is speaking of the Son of God. And he's telling us there's something about this coming we should know.) and he tells us this coming hath given us an understanding,. John tells us here that there is something that the Son of God did for us by his coming, and that is he gave us an understanding. And then he tells us what this understanding was given for, what it's purpose was. "That we may know him that is true," Therefore, we must ask ourselves this question. Was the coming of the Son of God to give us an understanding of the Son, Himself? Or did He come that we might know "Him that is True" which is God!

33 And who do you think this one is that John is speaking of here? He said the Son of God came that we might have understanding of "Him that is True". Now, scripture tells us that Jesus did not come to declare Himself, but He came to declare the Father.)

34 JOHN 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared [him].

35 JOHN 8:19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

36 JOHN 8:54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: 55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you (because you say you know Him when you don't know him, making yourself a liar) but I know him, and keep his saying.

37 Now, in getting back to 1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and (His coming) hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, (so we see that the coming of the Son of God was to give us an understanding of the One that is True which is God and notice as John continues), and we are in Him that is true, even (the word even means in the same manner or in the same way we are) in his Son Jesus Christ. This (One that is True is) is the true God, and eternal life.

38 Now, that is how you read that verse of scripture. It speaks of the coming of the Son of God to make manifest or declare the Father to us in such a way that we might know and understand the Father as never known and understood prior to this coming.

39 Now, brother Branham taught us that God interprets His Word by bringing it to pass. Therefore it takes manifestation of the Word to bring to us full understanding of that Word.

40 Without seeing how the Son of God played out His role with the Father, we would not truly understand who the Father is nor our role that we must play as sons, and thus we would not understand "Him that is True, the only God."

41 Now, although the Son of God came to give us understanding, Paul told us, now we see through a glass darkly, but at the Parousia we shall see Him Face to Face which is Presence to Presence. He said, now we know in part, then shall we know even as we are known.

42 In 1 Peter 1: 13 we read, I PETER 1:13 ¶ Wherefore 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;

43 And we also find in 1 Corinthians 1 Paul speaking of this same thing.

44 I CORINTHIANS 1:4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; 5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and [in] all knowledge; 6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: 7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: 8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, [that ye may be] blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God [is] faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 10 ¶ Now 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.

45 I JOHN 2: 20 ¶ But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. So it is very evident that the unction is to cause us to Know the truth. John continues, 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

46 And why is that? Because if God had a Son that makes Him a Father... It's so logical they can't even see it...
24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. 28 ¶ And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his parousia.

47 So we see that something is to happen to us, an anointing that gives us new birth, and helps us to know, and understand and have confidence in what we understand when we stand in his presence at the time of His Parousia, and we can stand in confidence because we are righteous, and we know we are righteous because we do what is right. 29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

48 That is why Paul told us in Ephesians 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, So he opens our eyes that we might know and understand what our inheritance is all about.

49 Hebrews 10:16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And who is to do it? God said He would be the one to do it. Then that is why He came down in this hour, to place His Word in our Minds and in our hearts to do His Will.

50 Hebrews 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

51 Is it because the believer is more intelligent than the unbeliever? Is it because we are so much better than the rest? I don't think it has anything to do with us, but it has all to do with God's purpose and plan. 1 Corinthians 4:7 "Who maketh thee to differ from another? And what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?". Then, it is God himself who makes the elect to differ from the non-elect. How is it that we might understand while others, try that they might, never seem to come to a knowledge of the truth?

52 Without understanding the Godhood of God we will never understand His Sovereignty, and without understanding His Godhood we will never understand God, Who He is and Why He does what He does. Our conception then of God becomes only one that is made up in the minds of men. Then they worship the God of their own imagination.

53 Notice the carnal man can never understand God. I CORINTHIANS 2:9 But 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. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

54 11 For 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 knows. 12 Now 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.

55 The carnal man will not even come to the Light which means he will not come to gain understanding, but

rather he flees from the light. JOHN 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

56 PROVERBS 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. PROVERBS 16:9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps. You see, we don't even understand God's ways, or his thoughts, therefore how could we ever on our own choose the way that would be pleasing to Him.

57 That's why we read in 1 Corinthians 2 we need God's own Spirit in us if we are to understand His Word. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For 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 knoweth.

58 I CORINTHIANS 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. 20 Where [is] the wise? where [is] the scribe? where [is] the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. 22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: 23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, [are called]: 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, [yea], and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

59 JOB 32:8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

60 Now, in looking closer at this understanding that comes from God, let's read from JOHN 8:37 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.

61 Now, here we see three characteristics of the natural man, or the man who has not been born again. These three characteristics are found in every man that is not born again. And they are... #1) He can not receive the things of God.#2) Because the things of God are foolishness to him.#3) because he just can not understand them.

62 PSALMS 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. 4 The ungodly are not so: but [are] like the chaff which the wind driveth away. 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For the LORD knoweth the way (or the course of Life) of the righteous: but the way (the course of Life) of the ungodly shall perish.

63 Therefore the Lord actively works in the Life of the righteous, to make sure that the Righteous understands the True Revelation and disclosure of God. In other words, God purposes in His heart to make sure that His kids know Him. Now that sounds like a real dad, doesn't it? But with the ungodly it's not so. Notice what is said about the ungodly... : but the way (the course of Life) of the ungodly shall perish ('abad, that means they are left to themselves...)

64 Now in getting back to 1 Corinthians 3, let's pick up at verse 16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, (When what shall turn to the Lord?, notice he is speaking about the heart, which is the understanding, then what happens?) the veil shall be taken away.(The blindness shall be taken away...) so the understanding turning to the Lords understanding removes the blindness.

65 I CORINTHIANS 13: 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. And there is no one perfect but God... Then this speaks of when He, God comes... 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, (why did I understand like a child? Because "I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face, (Face to face? That word is personal presence." Therefore, there is coming a time when we are to see Him Presence to Presence.) now I know in part; but then (When? At that time that He is personally here,) then shall I know even as also I am known. This word Know is from the Greek word epiginosko, which means to become thoroughly acquainted with, to know thoroughly; to know accurately, know well... to recognize; by sight, hearing, of certain signs, to perceive who a person is...and when we have come to that point then will I understand...

66 But what has hindered this knowing? God tells us himself in ISAIAH 28:8 For all tables (pulpits) are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. 9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? That's the message! The NIV puts it this way, "Who is it he is trying to teach? To whom is he explaining his message? To children weaned from their milk, to those just taken from the breast? (In other words, in the hour when they are no more babies...) 10 For it is: Do and do, do and do, rule on rule, rule on rule; a little here, a little there." 11 Very well then, with foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people, 12 to whom he said, "This is the resting place, let the weary rest"; and, "This is the place of repose"-- but they would not listen. 13 So then, the word of the LORD to them will become: Do and do, do and do, rule on rule, rule on rule; a little here, a little there-- so that they will go and fall backward, be injured and snared and captured.

67 So we see that the pulpits at this time are considered tables full of vomit. That's yesterday's food regurgitated with the acids of man. And every one knows that acid is malice. And so the pulpits do more damage to the Word of God than they do to help the people to know their role in the family of God.

68 Because the beauty of what God is doing here right now is that he has come down to become our very life. In Colossians 3:4 we read, When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. This tells us that When Christ Manifests in His true character we shall do the same. Again we see in 1 John 3: 1-2 the same thing. 1b therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. The world can never know the true elect because they can never know Him. If you do not see the correct understanding of the Godhead, you will

never really know the elect, but you can not identify God-Life.

69 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

70 In Luke chapter 24 it took Jesus expounding the Scriptures to open the eyes of the two disciples who walked with him on their road to Emmaus. And I want you to notice, it was the little things Jesus kept doing to help these two come to an understanding that finally opened their eyes to see Him as He really was. Every thing He did was with the purpose in mind to show them the light of what had just taken place in their day and He took everything to the Word, and by the Word revealed the day and it's condition.

71 32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? Look at the reaction of these men. Their hearts begin to burn within them, and when this began to burn up inside it isn't long before you want to go and tell others what has happened. 33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, 34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. 35 And they told what things [were done] in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread. Notice the first reaction was to go and share this wonderful thing to others.

72 42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. 43 And he took it, and did eat before them. 44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

73 Now, by this time they had known Him and followed him for 3 -1/2 years and yet they still didn't have their eyes opened to what was happening in their day. 46 And He said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And ye are witnesses of these things. 49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. 50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. 51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: 53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

74 Now, with this in mind, then what ought our attitude be towards others who are struggling to understand. Jesus never just wrote them off, but he went after them, not with a whip, that was for the unbelievers who hated the Light. What Jesus did was to give them example after example of resurrection presence, resurrection evidence, showing resurrection life.

75 Book of Exodus 1 55-1005 P:8 Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot understand the Kingdom of heaven." There's no way of understanding it until you are born again, and then God reveals Himself to you, and then you know that you've passed from death unto Life, because no man can call Jesus the Christ, only by the Holy Spirit. See? The only way that you'll ever know that Jesus is the Christ, is when the Holy Spirit personally witnesses to you that He is the resurrected Lord Jesus. No matter what He would do, what kind of signs, what kind of miracles, you'll never know it until your personal experience with God. You say, "Well, I believe it because the Bible said so." Well, that's good. The Bible, it's true. It knows it. "Well, the preacher said so." Perhaps, he knows it. "Mother said so." She knows it. But what do you know about it? You'll never know it until it's revealed to you individually by the Holy Spirit. And then, by accepting it, you become a new creature in Christ Jesus, born a second time.