

#27 What Does your attitude reflect?

1 Let us remain standing for the reading of the Word of God.

2 Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

3 Let us pray: Dear Gracious and loving Father, we come to Thee tonight not only as our God but also as our Loving Father who reigns supreme over all the heavens and earth. And we know Father that you are the sovereign King, the only immortal King, and we know that whatsoever you have declared by Your Eternal Word, it shall surely come to pass exactly as you declared it to be. Help us Father to simply yield our selves to your Word, and may our Voice be in one accord as we say the words Mary said when your Divine presence overshadowed her and brought forth into conception your firstborn son. As she said, "be it done unto me according to Your Word", may we echo those same words. And as Jesus Christ Your eldest son in this cast family of brothers said, "Not my will but Thy will be done," Even so we speak the same words oh God. Help us this evening as we come to this communion service to simply let go and let God. May we yield to Your Word that said all things will work out for our good and also you promise to us that we are to be conformed to the Image of your eldest son in this vast family of brothers. For we ask it in Jesus Christ's name, amen.

4 This evening I would like to continue on our thoughts about what it means to be a Christian and we know by what we have already read tonight from the Word of God that we are to be conformed to the image of Christ, and we know that the early church were called Christians because they were Christ -Like.

5 Therefore in this great hour that we are living, an hour where it seems people everywhere are under so much stress that they seem to be loosing control of their emotional calm just about every which way you turn. And as a result we see revolutions in almost every country around the world, because the people can not take the amount of daily stress that seems to be increasing every single day. But this is also the hour that we shall see the Second Coming of Christ, and we know our deliverance is soon to come for us. Yet in this late hour we find there are still so many promises of God that have not yet been fulfilled for God's Elect Seed. And we are waiting patiently for them.

6 One of these promises what we read for our text tonight, that we are ordained to be conformed to the image of the first born son. Now, that is a pretty great promise considering that Jesus, the first born and uniquely born son of God, came forth in the image of God His Father, Himself. So that would indicate to us then the image we are to

conformed to is that image of God that was displayed in his First born son.

7 Now, with such a great promise, it behooves us to get ourselves out of the way, so that God can bring to pass this victory in the love Divine.

8 Now, this image we are to be conformed to is not a physical image. What I mean by that is that is not the image the scripture speaks of. Jesus said in John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

9 Therefore the Image we are to be conformed to has to do with our spirit reflecting His Spirit.

10 The apostle Paul said in Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

11 And he Apostle Peter spoke of the same thin in 1 Peter 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

12 And again the Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 1:10 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.

13 Again he said in Romans 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

14 Romans 15:5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

15 2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

16 Now, we have read many Scriptures where God is wanting for us to be of one mind, and not just any mind will do. He wants us to have the same mind that was in Christ. And that can not come any other way that taking God's Word into your heart.

17 The Greek word for the English word mind that we just read about is "phroneo", pronounced "fron-eh'-o", and means "not only to think, not just unreasoned opinion, but rather the way you think, to be minded in a certain way, or be mindful, specifically concerning moral interest and reflecting upon it, Thus it really refers to our attitude. And we find that our attitude is a very important part of our worship and belief system, and it is of utmost importance in how others see us, or in what light they see us.

18 From brother Branham sermons, LORD I BELIEVE 53-0901 E-19 he said, "No one ever come to Christ in the right attitude, but what went away with what they asked for."

19 Therefore, not only does this hold true with God, but it also holds true with our family and wit our friends as well. It is our attitude that determines our reward.

20 From his sermon, The resurrection 53-1205 E-26 Brother Branham said, "You say, "Will God stand and judge me at the day of judgment?" No, your attitude towards Him now, you're judging yourself. God has already pronounced, "The day you eat thereof that day you die." That just settles it. He has to stay by that; He don't have to pronounce any more judgment. Your attitude towards it is the recompense. What you think of His way of escape, if you refuse to walk in His way, then you're already judging yourself as you judge Him.

21 Now this word recompense means to award compensation. So what you receive from God is directly related to how you act towards His Word. You believe it and accept it, you receive the blessings of it. You hear it, and reject it by not paying attention to it, and you will receive His wrath and judgment. You see, he has already told us what to do and not do in His Word. In Deuteronomy 28 he also tells us that our attitude towards His Word is what determines whether you receive blessings or cursing.

22 Therefore the attitude we have towards God's Word is critical to what we receive from God. Therefore, it is most important that we have a right attitude. And what better attitude could we have than the attitude of Christ Himself. Thus in the Book of Philippians, we find Paul saying, 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, and from the New International Version it reads, "Let this attitude that was in Christ be in You."

23 Therefore what we are looking at tonight is our own attitudes, and what of course what our attitude is reflecting to God and to others.

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The apostle Paul said in Philippians 2:1 ¶ If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, (and this word consolation means to allay and sorrow or grief. That means if there is anything that can reduce our sorrow and grief) if there be any comfort of love, if there be any fellowship of the Spirit, if there be any sympathy and mercies, 2 Fullfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, (don't be self serving, don't be self centric) but every man focus your thoughts on the needs of others.

25 And when you have reached the condition where you are not out for yourself, when you are no longer self seeking, when you have learned to humble your own self instead of God having to humble you, and when your focus is on the needs of others, rather than on your own needs, then you are in a condition where God can begin to mold His image into you, and bring you into conformity with the image of His own son. Why? Because, now you are ready to receive the mind that was in Christ.

26 From his sermon, Demonology 1 Physical 53-0608A P:23 brother Branham said, "I realize as I treat the people I'm treating God. Just my attitude towards you is my attitude towards Christ. And your attitude towards me is the same thing (That's right.), towards Christ."

27 Now, we took for our text tonight several Scriptures that speak of having the same mind one with another. Now, this does not speak of everyone becoming a bunch of mindless robots having no mind of your own, but rather speaks of having the same attitude towards one another as Christ had for us. Therefore when we read this word "Phroneo" in the scripture it speaks of "the attitude we are expressing".

28 In Romans 8 and Philippians 3, we find it speaks of our not having the attitude of the world, but rather of the Spirit.

29 ROMANS 8:1 ¶ There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (Notice how your walking either after the flesh or after the Spirit is directly tied into your mind and attitude.) 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness (right-wise-ness) of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit mind the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

30 PHILIPPIANS 3:19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.

31 And we are told if we have and the wrong attitude, God through His Holy Spirit will bring your attitude around to the right way of thinking.

32 PHILIPPIANS 3:15 ¶ Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: (with the same attitude) and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

33 GALATIANS 5:10 I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

34 PHILIPPIANS 1:27 ¶ Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind (with the same attitude) striving together for the faith of the gospel;

PHILIPPIANS 4:2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind (with the same attitude) in the Lord.

35 COLOSSIANS 3:1¶ If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection (Set your attitude) on things above, not on things on the earth.

36 Matthew 13:54 And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? 55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? 56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? 57 And they were offended (displeased) in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house. 58 And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

37 Notice that in His own country among His own people he could not work many mighty miracles, because of their unbelief. They would not accept Him to be anything other than what they saw him as a boy, the son of Joseph and Mary. They could not accept that He had come from God. They were too close to him, He had become too common to them.

38 Brother Branham said in his sermon, Proving His word 65-0426 P:12 "before we pray for the sick, we've got to get the people in that attitude. It's the attitude that always brings the results. It's the attitude that you take towards God. Here's a woman touched His garment; she was healed with a blood issue. A soldier spit in His face, and put a crown of thorns on His head, and felt no virtue. It's your approach. The attitude is what it takes. And that's what it is tonight, dear friend; it takes the attitude. We are, and believe that we are in the Presence of Jesus Christ, but it's your attitude that brings the results. The mechanics is here and so is the dynamics. If you can just get started, God will do the rest."

39 And from his India trip report 57-0126B P:29 he said, "And that's the same way it is by the Word of God, brethren. It's the way you're looking at It. If you stand off and look at it from an observation of, and a point of criticism to say, "This guy hasn't got it, and that guy hasn't got it," it won't work. It's to get down and look up to. That brings the results. Then you have a different attitude, and a different attitude towards your brethren, and a different attitude towards the man who's striving for the same thing that you're trying to strive for. See? It breaks down all barriers then.

40 And in closing from his sermon, Awakening Jesus 63-0117 P:34 brother Branham said, "See, the mental attitude you take towards it will bring... Now, the mind won't do it, but if you give that attitude towards something's got life in it, then that life... comes down and does it. Not your mental attitude that only brings you in the Presence of Him. That's what you do. Your mind... The five senses is all right as long as they don't deny God.

41 But you see, what people fail to recognize is that God's word is a seed, and it must produce what the life in that seed is ordained to produce. And your attitude is the field in which that seed is placed. And if your attitude is

correct it will have a wonderful atmosphere that will bring that seed to life. But if the atmosphere is stony and hard that seed will never come to life. I hope you see what I am trying to get you to see. If you are open to God's Word then God's Word will produce in you what it was ordained to produce in your field; Son of God in the image of the first born son. But, it's your attitude that will bring the results, because the seed has already been sowed and now it is the atmosphere of the soil that will determine whether it produces life in you or not.

42 Let's bow our heads in prayer.