

#32 Image of the Invisible no 12 The Mystery of God

- 1** This evening we will continue with Br. Branham's message "Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed" and this will be number 32 in our series. Tonight I would like to pick up at paragraph 66 so let me just read from paragraph 66 for our text tonight.
- 2** 66 He is the principal Theme of the entire Bible. If you read the Bible and don't see Christ in every verse of It, go back and read It again. See? If you can't see Christ in every : of the Bible, then you read It again, because you've missed something. The Bible is Christ. He is the Word.
- 3** Now, before we go any further I want to just hone in a little bit on what he is saying here. He says that Christ is the central theme of the Bible, so we need to ask ourselves who is this Christ that He is speaking about, because we know the Word Christ can actually speak of the anointer, the anointed or the anointing.
- 4** In this case he is speaking of God. As one of my most memorable things Brother Vayle taught me was to get my eyes off the vessel and get them on the one using the vessel. Now, if we listen to what brother Branham is saying, he tells us here that Christ is the principal Theme of the entire Bible. Then he says, If you read the Bible and don't see Christ in every verse of It, go back and read It again. And then he adds The Bible is Christ. And finally he gives us a clue to who he is talking about when he says, He is the Word.
- 5** Now, we know according to John 1:1 that God is the Word. So the Christ He is referring to here is God. God the anointer. God the one who anoints. Then brother Branham continues giving us a more declarative understanding when he says, ...
- 6** "When you read, "In the beginning God created..." there's Christ. See?"
- 7** So we see here that this Sermon "Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed" is going to speak of how God reveals Himself, and how this Revealing is a Mystery. How actually the Mystery is God and the revealing of God is through the Christ, the anointer anointing the anointed.
- 8** Now, for understanding sake, let's read this sermon title a bit slower so we can understand the theme of this Message.
- 9** It is, "Christ", that's the object of this sentence, "Christ". And he is telling us that This "Christ", is the revealing of the mystery of God. Or maybe I can say it this way, He is telling us that God is a mystery, and that mystery is revealed in "Christ". So Christ is the Revealing of God who is a mystery otherwise.
- 10** Now, remember, we are supposed to get our eyes off the vessel, because it is not the vessel that is the mystery, but it is God that is the mystery. God is the mystery but it is His Christ, His anointing the vessel that reveals who He is and what He is all about.
- 11** Now, let's just look at some Scriptures that show us that it is God who is the mystery.
- 12** Revelation 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery

of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

13 Now, this Scripture tells us that this mystery of God will be opened up to us, and revealed during the days of the Voice of the Seventh angel. I believe that is what this sermon of Brother Branham's was all about, to fulfill that promise from God.

14 Now, this mystery of God is comprised of several things as the Apostle Paul speaks to us in 1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness (Notice God-likeness, that means the visible image of the invisible God.) God was manifest in the flesh,(Notice that God Himself was manifested in and through the vessel) justified (or proven) in the Spirit, (the invisible image of the invisible God was) seen of angels, (and the visible image of the invisible God was) preached unto the Gentiles, (and through the invisible image of the invisible God was) believed on in the world, (and this one who manifested in his Body the very image of the invisible God was) received up into glory.

15 Colossians 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; Notice the acknowledgement of the mystery is 1) God 2) Father 3) Christ.

16 Ephesians 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

17 Notice this mystery has been hid in God. Notice in Deuteronomy 29:29 we read, The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

18 So as long as it remained in God it remained secret and was hidden from knowledge or view, that secret remained mystery. But once it has been revealed, it is not longer a mystery, but the knowledge is known and the thing is no longer hidden.

19 In 1 Corinthians 4:1 Paul speaks of us as being stewards of the mysteries of God. "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God."

20 And again in 1 Corinthians 2:7 Paul tell us But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: And notice he also tells us that God ordained for us to understand this mystery of God which was withheld from the world, but was ordained to be revealed to us for our glory. For us to receive the very mind of God, his Doxa, his values and His opinions.

21 That is why we hear Jesus say in Luke 8:10 "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."
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22 And again he also said in Mark 4:11 "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, all these things are done in parables:"

23 So we see that it is given to us, but not to others, and the reason for that is to bring us to glory, which is God's values, His opinions, in fact the very mind of Christ to be in us.

24 In fact Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 2 that the very reason we are able to hear and to know the hidden and deep things of God is because we receive His Spirit in order for us to understand the things of God.

25 1 Corinthians 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 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. 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. 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, 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.

26 And so by anointing our vessel with his Holy Spirit, He (God) reveals Himself. That is why brother Branham said earlier on in paragraph "Christ is the principal Theme of the entire Bible. If you read the Bible and don't see Christ in every : of It, go back and read It again. The Bible is Christ. He is the Word.

27 In 1 John 2:27 we read, 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 2 Corinthians 1:21 Now he which establishes us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; So Paul here is letting us know that it is God who is the anointer who anoints.

29 In fact we see that even Jesus Himself had to be anointed by God for his service to his brethren. Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

30 And we find Jesus reading a prophecy about him in Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

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"Every... From that to the "Amen" in Revelations is every Word testifying of Jesus Christ. That's why these added books that's called II Book of Daniel and the Book of the Maccabees, Agges Purgatory, and stuff like that... See, it's not spoke of in the Scripture. See? It doesn't theme up with the rest of It. There's no place to place purgatory in there. There's no place to place intercession of saints, and things; there's no place in there for that. There's no place for denomination. There's no place for creeds outside of the Bible. See? So when you see those things, they just don't come into the picture.

32 Now, let's read from paragraph 67 And that's why people has added those and got their jigsaw puzzle all mixed up. See? They can't make it right "same yesterday, today, and forever." But if the thing's put together right, there's the entire picture of the fall and regeneration, the whole picture of creation, and God's whole plan revealed right in Jesus Christ. Amen. That's the whole picture set together, every little crook and corner. It's just like... Now, I don't mean to be sacrilegious by this, but it's just like putting a jigsaw puzzle together. That's why we've got pictures today that looks horrible: say, "We are believers," and a cow picking grass up in top of a tree. It don't work. That's when they say, "Yeah, He's every way, but just of a certain... He's the same yesterday, today, and forever all but a certain thing." See? Then you ruin your picture. The Bible said He is the same.

33 So if God who is the anointer is the same yesterday, before he anointed, and today when he anointed His Son, then he must always be the same in every vessel that He anoints forever. Then the mystery of God is no longer a mystery when we see God in the prophets, and we see God in His Son and we see God in his children.

34 Then the mystery is revealed in the vessels because the same nature, the same words, the same thoughts the same actions and the same works are manifested in the different vessels and although each vessel is unique on it's own, yet within each vessel is the same nature, the same character, the same attributes that declare God-Life, Eternal Zoe.

35 And that brings us to the next paragraph in brother Branham's sermon, paragraph no. 68 where brother Branham says, St. John 5 or St. John 14:12, He said, "He (he, anybody)--he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." "Well, that was for another age." There you got your picture wrong again. You got a man fishing out in the desert for fish in a bunch of hot sand where there's no fish at. See? See, you got to bring him back to where he's fishing at Galilee, where there's plenty of fish. You see? See, you got to make the picture look right. It's God's great picture, and there's only one way you'll see it, that when you see Jesus Christ. There's the entire Bible. He's the principal theme of the Bible.

36 Then what is the theme? It is God in you as he was in Christ, "God-Christ, the anointer in you anointing you to Glory".

37 Oh, brother, there it is, right there. The principle theme of this entire Bible is God in you as He was in Christ. Then what if you make the he in John 14:12 for just one man?

38 Then that tells me the promise is not for you. You have educated yourself right out of God's plan by your own theology. Notice as brother Branham has been saying all along in this sermon, God was in the prophets, God was in His Son and now God is in his church, his people, his children. That's the principle or main theme all the way through the Bible. Notice what he says in the very next paragraph.

69 Now, you realize that any of these places here you could take a text, and it's just hard for a preacher to hold his peace. He look like he want to keep going with it, but you got to get back to what we're teaching on. He is the principle theme of the Bible. He was in the prophets; He was in the Psalms; He was in the history of the Bible. The Bible is a prophetic Book; It's a historical Book; It's a Book of love. It's a Book of songs; It's a Book of Life, and in there you find Christ. He was in the prophets; He was in the Psalms; He was in the history; and He also in the Bible is the things that is to come. So He was before and for after. What does that make Him then? The same yesterday, today, and forever.

70 And, you inject something in there that doesn't make Him the same yesterday, today, and forever, Brother Lee, where do you go to? You got an awful picture there. For He was the history (See?), and He is the Prophet; He is the Psalms; He is everything. And if you can't make Him everything and the same, what's your picture look like? Do you see it? All right.

71 He is the same. He was the prophets; He was in them; He was in the Psalms; He was in the history; and He is the things to come, the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrew 13:8, if you're writing it down). He should be then... He should be the principal... If that's what He is, and we believe it, don't we? Then if He is that, then He should be the principal Theme of our talking, of our thinking, of our singing, of our walks; He should be the principal Theme of our life. If He's the principal Theme of the Bible, and the Bible is in us, then He should be the

principal Theme of everything that we do, say, or think, should be Christ. Is that right? All right.

72 Since we think this, since He's been made the Head of all things to us... The Colossians said so here. He's the Head of all things to us for He was made for us, which we are considered all things. You say, "What about the sinner?" He was made to be the Judge of the sinner, if he don't accept it. He was made the Glory for the believer who does accept it. So All things was made by Him and for Him. And it takes the night to express the glory of the day. It takes the vessel of dishonor to express the love and care for the vessel of the honored. It takes an evil woman that would wear immoral clothes and sell her morals to express the virtue of a decent genuine lady. See? It takes the crook and a thief in a man to express the genuineness of a real believer, a real Christian. It takes the hypocrite to show up the believer, what he is.

73 So all things was made by Him. And since He was made--all things--made for all of us; all things was made for--by Him, then since that is true, we should make--our identification should be with Him. We should be identified, ourselves, with Him, because He has identified Himself with us. We should be identified with Him. How? By living for Him, not just a confession. So many people take a confession and say... I say... It's got to this place now: "Are you a Christian?" "I'm Methodist." Well, that's a long way from making yourself known as a Christian. Now, look what the Methodist does. "I'm Baptist." Look what the Baptist does. "I'm Catholic." Look what they do. See?

39 Oh, My, and have we come to the place when we are asked if we are a Christian, we say, I am of Paul, I am of Cephas, and did not Paul say, aren't you carnal? Has the message come down to the place where we have to identify with certain personality over other personalities in order to consider ourselves in the bride of Jesus Christ? I hope we haven't sunk that far. May God have mercy on us if we have.

40 Let us pray...