

#35 God's three fold purpose

1 This morning let's go right to brother Branham sermon "Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed" and focus on paragraphs 76 where brother Branham begins to tell us about the three-fold purpose of God. Let's just read for ourselves what he says here.

2 76 Notice, God has had a threefold purpose in this great mystery secret. God, in His great mystery secret that He had before the world began, He's got a threefold purpose in it. And now, what we want to go upon this morning is: What is that threefold purpose? See? Now, I believe by the help of God, Who's present, and He'll show it to us.

3 Now, before we even begin to examine what this threefold purpose of God's great mystery is, I would first like to verify that God has a great Mystery Secret. Not that we would ever be so foolish to doubt a vindicated prophet, but this prophet as all prophets are Word prophets, and therefore what they tell us we must find in God's Word or we will never be certain as to what he is telling us by the Word. And let's face it, we are commanded to give everything the Word test, and even though we have great confidence in his vindication, if we do not know it by the Word then we could only surmise what he is telling us. An there is far too much of that going on with those who claim to believe the Message.

4 What I mean is that you can take anything the wrong way and we know for certain there are those in this Message who have come up with false doctrines based on their own understanding of things brother Branham said, which is no different than those who have false doctrines based on a wrong division of the Word of God.

5 So in order to rest our minds from wondering and thus wandering, we take everything back to the Word of God. As Br. Billy Paul always has said, a gun has two sites on it, the front site and the back site, and if you do not have both sites you most assuredly will miss your target. But when you line up the back site with the front site, you are bound to hit your target. And the Apostle Paul said if any man or angel preaches anything that He did not first preach, let that man or angel be cursed. So we have our front site, and that is the Omega ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ as expounded by the Apostle Paul. Then we have our hind site which was expounded by God's prophet William Branham. That is our Omega site. And when we line both of these sites upon any divine promise of God we are bound to receive what we are praying for.

6 Ok, so brother Branham is speaking here of God having had a Great Mystery that he had kept secret. Now we find Paul speaking of this Great Mystery Secret in

7 Romans 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

8 Colossians 1:26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: In other words it is revealed or unveiled to His saints.

9 But as with all secrets they are meant to be revealed at some time as we see Jesus tell us in Luke 8:17 For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

10 And again we hear Jesus tells us the same thing in Mark 4:22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

11 Now, the problem is that when He does reveal these great deep mystery secrets, he promised that he would reveal them through parables, so that they would still remain secret to all except for those who they were meant to be revealed to.

12 That is what we hear Jesus tell us in Matthew 13:35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

13 And we see that there are a certain people who were meant to receive these great mystery secrets but they will remain sealed up to those they were not meant to receive them.

14 Matthew 13:11 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.

15 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.

16 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:

17 Now, as with all revealing of truth God promised us that he has one way in which he would do this revealing. If we turn in our Bibles to Amos 3:7 we find God's way of revealing all mysrey secrets. Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

18 Again we see this same promise in 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.

19 But certainly it is God who does the revealing as Paul tells us in Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

20 And we see that this Great mystery as Paul spoke of it has to do with Christ and the church, and that is exactly what brother Branham is addressing in his sermon, Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed. Notice what Paul says in Ephesians 5:32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

21 And this great mystery is to do one thing for us and that is to bring us into fellowship with God as Paul says in 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:

22 Now, in paragraph 77 brother Branham begins to expound on this three fold purpose of God in revealing this great mystery which had been hid since the foundations of the world and was revealed in Christ. Now, brother Branham says in paragraph 77 "Now, if He had this threefold purpose... We want to find out what is this threefold purpose.

23 Notice he tells us next the very first thing God wanted to do concerning this three fold purpose. "The first thing was that God wanted to reveal Himself to the people. He couldn't do it as a great Jehovah God Who covered

all space, time, and eternity. He could not. He's too great to ever be revealed to people, because it would be too mysterious. How could that great Being that never did begin, that after you went beyond the cycle of a hundreds of billions and trillions and trillions of years of light space, and on out into the infinite, into the eternity, and a great Creature that was all that, and still is...

24 So we see here that brother Branham has laid out for us the fact that God in his invisible immortal stature was too infinite, too unexplainable, way too mysterious in that form. So something had to happen for us to begin to understand Him and His nature.

25 Now, let's continue to read from paragraph 78 But what He wanted to do, He loved Fatherhood, for He was a Father. And the only way that He could express it was to become a Son of man. That's the reason Jesus kept saying, "The Son of man." See, they didn't know what He was talking about, many of them. But now you get it? He wanted to express Himself. That was His, one of His great threefold purposes, was to express Himself, identify Himself with human beings, to reveal Himself in Christ.

26 Ok, so now, in order to understand the nature and life and characteristics of this great invisible immortal King that we call God, He had to do something to make Himself visible. Yet he is not visible, he is Spirit. So God created a Son in whom he could show His very nature in a visible manifestation. Why? Because while yet every thing was still in spoken Word state, He said, "let every seed bring forth after its kind or nature".

27 Now, that is Genesis 1:11, let's read it. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so."

28 Now, this is what we call the law of reproduction or the law of life. And you will notice that God had set up a certain atmosphere for that life to be able to grow. And that is very important, the atmosphere. We sometimes forget how important the atmosphere is for life to grow. Sometimes we think, well if they are elect they will get it, and so we couldn't care less what atmosphere we have created because we have this twisted understanding of election and predestination.

29 Now, let me explain that. I've seen parents give into their kids and let them stay home from church because after all they say, "if they are elect they will come". And that to me shows no understanding at all concerning election and predestination.

30 Could you image the farmer that says, "well I have my seeds and I know what kind of seed they are so I don't have to prepare the ground for them, all I have to do is get them out there and everything else will work itself out. "

31 Now, he has a stewardship to his seeds to make sure he has tilled the ground to ensure that those seeds will not get scattered away by the wind. So he tills and disks and rakes that ground, until the ground is no longer hard and indifferent. He creates the right atmosphere for those seeds to thrive in, and that is what we as parents have a stewardship over the seeds God has given us to bring forth and raise up.

32 Then the farmer makes sure he gets enough watering of those seeds to ensure they will grow up. But how many parents make sure their children which are seeds of God are watered to ensure they will grow into what they are ordained to become.

33 Didn't God promise us in Isaiah 27 that he will plant his garden and he will watch over it and water it day and night?

34 Well, the suburbanite will plant grass seed in his yard and he will set that water sprinkler over it day and night just watering it until he begins to see the life in that seed manifest itself, and yet that same suburbanite will not watch over the seed in his children's soul, and he will not water it day and night. And sometimes you see the same careless attitude in people who claim to believe this message.

35 Now, if God promised in Isaiah 27 that he would plant a garden and watch over it day and night and water it continuously, then what about the planting of the Lord God has given us to be stewards over with our children and our churches.

36 I mean we should have the same Spirit as Christ if we are born again, and if we do we will do what he does, and in Revelation 22:17 we read, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

37 So look at the attitude of the bride. She doesn't draw people out of her circle, she says whosoever will let them come. She doesn't say "dog bit me once shame on dog, dog bite me twice shame on me". That's not God talk, that's just human talk. Brother Branham never used words like that. He said if they leave you, then don't get even with them, just make the circle that much bigger so you can draw them back in. It's time we become the mature sons and daughters of God that God called us to be.

38 Now, that don't mean for one moment that you have to subject yourself to that environment of theirs, but you certainly need to create an environment where they will want to be with you.

39 Notice the nature of the Holy Spirit in Revelation 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

40 He doesn't create an atmosphere where they got to pay for everything they get. He creates an atmosphere where he willingly gives the water to any who would thirst.

41 And Jesus said in John 4:4 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

42 He's not saying, hay, you can't have it, I got it, but rather he is saying when I give it to you, you will never thirst again, because what I give you will keep bubbling up continuously. He's not charging you for it, he paid the entire price so you can have it freely.

43 Did not Paul tell us in Romans 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

44 You know, I just don't get these ministers who send out their stuff and say, if they want it they got to pay. Didn't the Bible tell us as we freely receive we freely give?

45 And did not Jesus tell his disciples as he sent them out two by two in Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

46 Look, we have never charged anyone for anything that we have sent out in this church. and those who ask me for copies of my sermons in this church I have never asked them to cough up a red cent for them. That's not right. If I can't live by the means of the tithe, then I should get a job, but I have never thought it right to charge for what God has given to me to say.

- 47** In Proverbs 23:23 we are told to Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. So if we are to be willing to buy it, but we are not supposed to sell it, and notice he said not just the truth, but instruction and understanding. Then anyone who wishes to receive it we must be willing to share it.
- 48** That is why I put my sermons on the internet, so anyone who wishes to have them could do so and it wouldn't become a big drain to me financially.
- 49** Now, I didn't mean to get away from our thoughts here this morning, but look, the first purpose of God was to manifest to mankind through His son Jesus, and we see in the next paragraph from Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed, brother Branham tells us in paragraph 79 Secondly: to have the preeminence in His body of believers, that is, His Bride, that He might live in people. Now, He could do that in Adam and Eve, but sin separated them, so now there had to be some way to get it back again. Oh, my. Oh, when I... This is rich to me, just to even think of it. See? See what God's purpose was?
- 50** Now, listen in closing, because we don't have time to fully get into this morning, so we will take this up where we leave off here on Saturday night when we return for communion, but let me leave you with this in closing.
- 51** We have seen the first of the three fold purpose of God revealing his great mystery secret of his anointing, and that was how That God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. And now brother Branham tells us the second fold purpose is to have the preeminence in his body of believers. That he might live in the people.
- 52** Now, as long as the people are kept from the right atmosphere they will never get what he's talking about. As long as the shepherds just feed you scraps they can keep you alive alright, but you remain so weak that you have no energy to delve into the great mystery secret that brother Branham is talking about.
- 53** I knew a pastor years ago who owned a cleaning company and hired a bunch of people in his church and worked them 70 plus hours a week, and they could barely make ends meet and pay their bills, because he paid them such poor wages. And they had no time to study the word to even know if what he was telling them was truth or not, and of course he wasn't preaching truth. Any man that would take advantage of those working for him couldn't possibly know the truth. Because God said in the book of Malachi, "I am against those who suppress the laborer in his wages." And that is what the shepherds that feed themselves do when they get plenty themselves but will only ration out sparingly the spiritual food in due season. They do so to keep the sheep in a weak condition, just like the Catholic church did for years. They said the Bible could not be understood by the laity and so they were the keepers of the holy flame of God and they would ration out only what was necessary to keep the people in darkness and superstition.
- 54** But God has a three fold plan people, and you my brethren are part of that plan because you are His Seed. And You are the objects of God's Love and you are the objects of God's mercy and you are the objects of His great purpose and plan. And brother Branham told us that the second fold purpose of God's great plan is "to have the preeminence in His body of believers, that is, His Bride, that He might live in His people."
- 55** Now, this word preeminence means: "the state or position of outstanding power or importance: eminence, or distinction, or glory". And we all know God's glory is His values, His opinions and His judgments. So what we see here is that Brother Branham believed that the second-fold purpose of God's plan was for God to have a people, His own children, who would not only hold preeminently to His values, his opinions, and His judgments, but those very opinions, values and judgments would be reflected in their very lives as part of their nature.
- 56** And that was Jesus Prayer in John 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and

I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

57 And how is it that we might be One even as which means in the same manner as Jesus and His Father were One? Jesus said, John 17:14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

58 Jesus tells us we become One with God through the same Word that He became One With God. John 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

59 Therefore it is very apparent that we become one with god by receiving the very same Word Jesus received and reflected in his life and that brings us into the same Glory or the same mind as the Father. And the glory which thou gavest me (remember glory is doxa and it is the opinion, values and judgment, so "the opinion thou gavest me") I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: And the values thou hast given me I have given them that they may be one, and the judgments thou hast given me I have given them that they may be one even as or in the same way I and you are one Father.

60 That is why Paul said in 2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord,(the doxa of the Lord) are changed into the same image from glory to glory, (from opinion to opinion, from values to values, and from judgment to judgment) even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

61 Because after all what man can understand the things of God except the spirit of God be in him. That's 1 Corinthians 2.

62 And the apostle Paul said in 2 Thessalonians 1:10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

63 Notice here that the scripture tells us that He comes to be Glorified IN His saints. Now this word glorified is a the Greek word en-doxazo which comes from the root word doxa. Doxa is word which means Judgment, value or assessment, specifically an opinion which does all three. And an opinion is the culmination of an assessment, the value placed upon the assessment and your judgment of the assessment. And it is interesting to note that the reference work which lists this word also says that the word is used in the New Testament as a good opinion that always results in Praise, Honor and finally Glory itself.

64 And Paul said that the Gospel is to produce this glory in us. 2 Thessalonians 2:14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

65 And we are told also that is what the Appearing of Christ is to produce in us as well. Colossians 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. In His values, his opinions, and his judgments.

66 You see, that is what the Great Mystery secret of God is all about. 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: It's all about His children having the same mind as the Father.

67 Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the

glory which shall be revealed in us.

68 In closing let's turn to Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

69 Let us pray...