

#42 Spiritual Fornication

1 This evening we will look at paragraph 91 of Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed.

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88-3 Spoken Word is the Original Seed That's how adultery is committed spiritually. When you, knowing better by the Word of God, by the intercourse of the mind, take in a lie of the devil against the Word of God: that's exactly what Eve done. With a spiritual intercourse first that come by believing Satan's lie into the womb of her mind, that polluted her soul, set death in the soul; then the natural act taken place. And that's the only way that a woman ever can commit adultery against her husband, is to first let some man talk her into it and then receive another man that's not her husband. Then she's committed adultery. And when the Bride of Jesus Christ lets manmade creeds and dogmas take the place of the Word of God, she is committing adultery.

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So we see that this Laodicean atmosphere that we are examining by the Scriptures is one of insanity and devil possession.

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1 Timothy 4: 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.]

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Notice the evidence of the end-time is seducing spirit's and doctrines of devils. And these two characteristics will be manifested in the people. And this seducing spirit is a sex spirit, because fornication in the flesh is a type of fornication in the spirit. Brother Branham said in many places that Spiritual fornication in type is the same as physical fornication. And let's face it, if your reasoning and affection are two of the five inner senses of the Spirit, then if in your inner sense you somehow justify your natural fornication, and you allow your inner sense of affection to lead to into the natural act, it is then apparent that you had to already commit the act in the Spirit first before you could commit it in the natural. Because it had to happen in your mind first, you had to reason it out in your mind and allow your affections to justify the act and then your body only followed. That's why I get so upset with people who say, "I can't help it!" Brother Branham said, they are either mentally deficient or they are devil possessed, because how can you say I can't help it when you planned the very act in your mind to begin with. Do you expect God to feel sorry for you because you feed your lust with dirty books and magazines? I don't think He will feel sorry for you in the least. Not when Jesus was tempted in every point without falling. Not when Jesus Told men that to even look upon a woman and lust after her is to commit adultery and those who do so will have to answer with her for committing adultery at the great Judgment seat. And what about reading magazines that are specifically made to cause a person to lust. How can they say, "I can't help it when they know what is in the magazine and they knowing pick it up to look and lust. I'll tell you what it is, It is mental deficiency, and demon possession, because a demon possessed person isn't in their right mind, anyway.

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And look at the results of that twisted theology, nakedness pure and simple. That is why Paul warned the people in His day as brother Branham went forth warning them in his day. And look how twisted theology led to

fornication and adultery amongst the people in the first Exodus. While Moses was away in the presence of God, the people came to Aaron and wanted something to worship. They did not say give us a golden calf scheme, they simply wanted something to worship,

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Exodus 32:1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

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Exodus 32:8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

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Now, Paul explained to us that the people committed fornication against God and with each other. And that is the great sin they committed. They committed fornication because of the twisted up theology which they forced upon Aaron the priest. Now, that just goes to show that even those minister that accompanied the prophet were not of the same caliber as that prophet. And I think we can look out at every minister today and say the same thing goes for this hour. Yes, I know there was Joshua, which is a type of Christ in the believer, and he didn't go for the pomp and ceremony. He stayed out of the camp mostly and didn't get involved in that camp mentality, and he stayed focused on Moses return.

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Now, Paul said in 1 Corinthians 10:1-14. Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. 7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. 8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. 9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. 10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

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Concerning what Paul said here about those in Moss day, brother Branham had to say this in his sermon, E-47 Corinthians Book of Correction Neither let us commit fornications, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Commit fornications, that's spiritual fornication. If we had time... The Sunday school is over. Spiritual fornication"...

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The apostle Paul also warned is in 2 Corinthians 11:1-5 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. 2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent

beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. 5 For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles.

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And again in 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

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And what is the purpose of these angels of light which are actually minister of satan in disguise? It's to seduce with doctrines of devils as we read in 1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. 6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

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Now, what does the word forbidding and commanding have in common? They are words that are used to force an action or lack of an action on the people. In other words a forced religion. When you command, or when you forbid, it is words you are using to force the person to do as you tell them to do or not do, instead of allowing the Holy Spirit to motivate or move upon that person to bring about the result.

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Notice he tells us it will be seducing spirit that do this, and he calls it doctrines of devils. And what does it do? Well, a seduction implies an allurement into some sort of entrapment where you are led away of your own lust.

2 Timothy 3:6-8 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, (what kind of houses? Houses of God. Notice) and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ands remember, brother Branham said women type the church, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: (What does it mean to resist? It means they say no to it) men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning The faith.

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God Keeps His Word 66 Any bad woman can bring forth a good daughter. But watch ? What is a harlot? A prostitute. What is these ill-famed women? Is men... Is women who commit adultery and live with other men that's not their husband. And these people, these churches claim to be God's servants, and God's church, and tolerate, and do the things of the world. They commit spiritual fornication. They let their congregation's paint, their women wear shorts. And they let them go on and dress like the world and never condemn it. They let the men smoke a social cigarette and take a drink of liquor. They let them have their little card parties, and play pool in the basement, and have the proms and dances in the church, and soup suppers and ever other thing, and teach their little petty theology instead of Word of the living God. You know that's the truth.

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You see, the Spirit of Laodicea is that they are miserable blind and naked and don't even know it. They are ignorant of their own spiritual condition before God and that is how they commit spiritual fornication. Just as we are told in Proverbs 6:32 But Whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroys his own soul. Therefore, there must first be a spiritual death take place first where a person loses any understanding they might have had. Remember, the foolish virgin had oil in her lamp at one time. At one time she had an anointed Word as her light, but she lost the anointing upon that word.

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From paragraph 233 Anointed Ones at the End-Time 65-0725M "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.

20 Pp.195 "Going to their home, and when they come up to the place to cross over, they doubted the Word!.....What happened? They perished in the wilderness. They stayed right there and organized themselves, and died, every one of them,".....

21 Pp.198 "Where the carcass is there will the eagles be gathered..... Where the fresh meat is, the Word of the Season, there the eagles will gather." "But after it's rotten, then the vultures will swarm to it. See, see? See what I mean? When a kill 's made here comes the eagles, but after it lays there and rotten, then here come the vultures. The eagles won't have nothing to do with it. Jesus said, "Where the carcass is, where the manna fell, the night the manna falls fresh, there the eagles will gather for it." That's the manna for the day. See?"

22 Pp.214 "Notice! But after it gets rotten, maggots get in it, then here comes the vultures. They can't smell it till it gets rotten".

23 Pp.215 "Said, "I AM sent me." I AM, not I was, or will be, I AM, present tense, the Word now. Not the Word that was or Word that will come, the Word that's now".

24 Pp. 219 "Now, you go back and try to live again --go back after that old shuck's dried up, ever go back and live in it again? It never does. "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"

James 1:14-15 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

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But the notice the condition in this hour is that they are just blind to what they are doing and that suggests a real ignorance. Because it didn't come out of their little church they aren't going to receive it.

Notice the warning in Revelations 2:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

26 And brother Branham taught us about that Laodicean spirit in his booklet called the Laodicean Church Age - 343-4 Now I know that the women don't set the styles. Hollywood does that. But listen ladies, they still sell yard goods and sewing machines. You don't have to buy what's in the stores and then use that as an excuse. This is a deadly serious matter that I am going into. Have you not read in Scripture that when a man looks on a woman and lusts after her in his heart, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart? And suppose you dressed in such a way as to cause that? That makes you his partner in sin, even though you would be absolutely unaware of it, being a true virgin with no such desires. Yet God holds you accountable and you will be judged. Now I know you ladies don't like this kind of preaching, but sister, you are dead wrong in what you are doing. The Bible forbids you to cut your hair. God gave it for a covering. He gave a command for you to wear it long. It is your glory. When you cut your hair you signified that you left the headship of your husband. Like Eve you walked out and went on your own. You got the vote. You took men's jobs. You left off being females. You ought to repent and come back to God. And if all this wasn't bad enough, a whole lot of you took the idea that you could invade the pulpits and the church offices that God reserved for men and for men only. Oh, I touched a sore spot then didn't I? Well, show me one place in the Bible that God ever ordained any woman to preach or take authority over a man, and I will apologize for what I have said. You can't find that I am wrong. I am right, for I stand with the Word and in the Word. If you were Spiritually rich you would know that is true. There is nothing true but the Word. Paul said, "I suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp authority over the man." You can't possibly take a place amongst the five-fold ministry of Ephesians 4 and not take authority over men. Sister, you had better listen to that Word. It was not the Spirit of God manifesting in a Spirit-filled life that told you to preach because the Spirit and the Word are ONE. They say the same thing. Somebody made a mistake. Somebody was fooled. Wake up before it is too late. Satan fooled Eve, your mother; he is fooling the daughters now. May God help you. "I have need of nothing." Now when anybody says, "I have need of nothing," he could very well be saying, "I have everything", or he could be saying, "I don't want any more as I am full now". You can express this any way you want, and it all adds up to the fact that the church is complacent. She is satisfied with what she has. She either figures she has it all or has enough. And that is exactly what we find today.

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And in closing I want to read some things brother Branham said about the condition of the women in this age.

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From his sermon, And Knoweth it not 65-0815 P:25 Let me draw you a little picture. Now, here is an attorney in the city, a young fellow. And he's a nice man as far as--as politically... I imagine he may be decent in his politics; and then he goes with a girl that's very popular. They fall in love and marry. They attend all the parties and the great things, and they all drink together. Finally, she... He has a nice home; he lives in a nice neighborhood. He's well thought of amongst the people, but he... Both of them drink; she wears shorts, cuts her hair, wears makeup, everything just as sexy, is beautiful woman displaying herself. Well, she never goes to church at all, neither one of them. So moving in next door to them, comes a woman from the Baptist church or the Methodist church, her and her husband. Now, this woman... Let's make it Methodist, because the Methodist go a little more on holiness than the Baptists, all except the New Testament Baptist; they believe in holiness. But usually Baptists don't go for holiness at all (See?); they don't believe in such a thing. So then now, let's make it Methodist 'cause they believe in holiness.

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26 And then a Methodist woman moves next door to this woman on the same street. Her husband is a--let's say he is a public accountant and--or some office. Well, this Methodist woman looks over to the other woman, and when this lawyer goes out of town... His name is John. Say, his name is John. Now, don't presume on that now. I'm just taking fiction names now; and his name is John. Well, she used to go with Ralph. And that's fiction name, all of it (See?), just so you can get the story to make the picture. Well, first thing you know at a drunken party, Ralph hugs her again. Well, she gets all fired up, because she's in love again with Ralph; she thinks. Then after

while Ralph begins to meet her, and she can put it over John, pull it over his eyes, and she thinks she's a pretty smart duck, because she can run with Ralph, married to John. See, the woman don't even have the very bearing of decency. And she thinks nothing about that.

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Let us pray...