

#53 The Sermon on the mount

1 Now, what are these good works that men are to see that they may Glorify God in what they see? well Jesus said in verse Matthew 5:1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

2 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. You know I never knew what before how you could be poor in spirit and be called blessed, until I found that the less I have of me, the more room I have for Christ in me my hope of glory.

3 So what Jesus is saying here is that "You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope and have nothing left to offer, for With less of you there is more of God"..

4 In other words, when you have finally died to yourself, and your life is covered by Christ there is nothing left for you to show the world of yourself, and the only thing you have worth showing the world is Christ Himself who gives you the victory.

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6 Our third blessing comes with these words, 5 Blessed are the meek (that's the humble): for they shall inherit the earth. In finding our place in God's word, we find our true humility, for brother Branham said, "true humility is knowing your place in the Word", and if the Word is God, then it is knowing your place in God. And when we knowingly embrace our Sovereign God, it is then we realize how little we are, and when we enter into this true humility, is when we die to self and let Christ have the preeminence in our life. That is when we become truly rich and as he said, those who enter into this condition are those who will receive their inheritance.

7 7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. When you have come to the place where you are more concerned for others than you are for yourself, then you have come to the place when you have not only obtained mercy, but you are projecting mercy.

8 8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Pure in heart, pure as in nothing in the way that would pollute what you see and what you hear. And when you look with the eyes of God and hear with the ears of God, then you shall see God. For you have become like God because you are projecting God.

9 9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. "You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family. That is when you have come to maturity as a Christ-Like person, a true Christian which means Christ-Like.

10 10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution from others. Because God uses that persecution to drive you even deeper into His will and mind and reflection.

11 11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against

you falsely, for my sake. In other words, count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit the reflection of me they see in you. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and has made them uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens for though they don't like it, That is God they don't like that they are seeing in you! And all heaven is watching and applauding. And you must know that when this happens you are in good company. God's prophets and witnesses have always found themselves in this kind of opposition.

12 12 Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. In other words, instead of looking at the opposition, your focus should be on the reward.

13 Then Jesus says, 13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. In other words, you are here to be a salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors in this earth, and if you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

14 And then Jesus says, 14 Ye are the light of the world. You are here to be a light, bringing out the God-spectrum in the world. As public as "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid, so the reason that God just doesn't kill you off and raise up bodies of His own to live out your life for you, is that your life has been given to you to live out the life of Christ, so that your life may be open and on display for everyone to see, for when they see you and your life is hid in Christ, they will see Christ only and Him crucified.

15 15 And if men do not light a candle, to put it under a bushel, why would you think I would do so? No, I've made you a candlestick; and your candlestick gives light unto everyone that are in the house to see.

16 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and that they through seeing your good works might glorify your Father which is in heaven, because when they see you, they will only see me.

17 17 Think not that I have come to destroy the law, or the prophets: No, I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill the law, and He is saying here, my light in you and my Life working in you to will and to do will bring to fulfillment the Law of God written not with ink but written with my Spirit living and abiding in you.

18 2 Corinthians 3:1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? You see it is not about ourselves, it is all about him. History is His Story, it's not our story, it's His Story. And that is why we have been placed on this earth, to become written epistles, known and read of all men. Not to know all about you or me but to know Him. So Paul says, Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?

19 No, letters of commendation are just that. That is not what it is all about. I've written letters for brothers to get a job before and boy o boy was I mistaken about that brother. I wrote the letter because I felt sorry for the brother, but had I known the brother better I would never have placed my name along with that brother on that letter to get him that job. And I think much of what we do, we do out of emotion, when we shouldn't have done it in the first place. And I am not talking about doing evil out of emotion, I am talking about trying to help someone who doesn't want help. Trying to change a person who doesn't want changing. Sometimes I think, you need to just sit back and watch a little bit to see what direction that person is going to go before you jump in to help.

20 I mean, I have burned so many times over the years because of human compassion, but true compassion is doing the will of God. And sometimes we just do God a service without it being His will. No, the Scripture plainly teaches us that it is God in us working to will and to do His good pleasure. So if it has nothing to do with

bringing glory to God, then we had better step back until we can see God in that picture.

21 The Apostle Paul said in verse 2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: 3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. 4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

22 So it is not about us, it is about Him. And that is what Paul is saying here. He is saying you are reflecting the very Life of Christ to one another, and that is being read everywhere you go, they see Christ living in a body once again, and that body is your body.

23 6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. Not of the letter for the letter kills. So just because you can recite the Message or the doctrine doesn't mean a thing.

notice he tells us that we are to be ministers of the spirit, yet too many ministers think they are ministers of the Word therefore it is all about what you know concerning the Word, and they are so far from the truth. Paul said we are able ministers of the spirit. Ministers of the Spirit, ministering to the hearts of man, and bringing about changes in the heart.

24 7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: 8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?

25 In other words, Paul is making a comparison here between the old testament when Moses came down with His face all glowing from having been in the presence of God, and he says if that was glorious when he came down that way, and in doing so he set up law? How much more glorious will it be when the Holy Spirit comes down with the spirit of Wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Himself, and we are caught up into that Spirit and that administration of the Holy Spirit at that hour.

26 9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, (and we know it is the law that brings condemnation) much more doth the ministration of righteousness (or right-wise-ness) exceed in glory. (exceed in glory, in doxa, in the opinion, values, and judgments of God. In other words, if Moses coming down with the presence of God to bring law was such a tremendous thing in the sight of men, how much more when God's very Presence, His Holy Spirit comes down to bring a right understanding, finishing up the mysteries and making everything clear. That he says will exceed in glory, it will exceed in God's opinion, and in God's values.)

27 10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth. In other words, even though that coming and that presence under that Pillar of fire, that first exodus with God's cloud and Pillar of fire, was a glorious time, it doesn't even compare to the hour when He comes with a glory that excels that.

28 11 For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remains is glorious. 12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: 13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: 14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remains the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.

29 What's he talking about here? he's talking about when Christ came in Moses, Moses face radiated with the

"Shekinah" presence of God and yet the people had him to place a veil over his face because they feared God. And since that time the veil has been traditions and creeds. But in this last hour the traditions and creeds are to be taken away once and for all, and we are to stand face to face with him to know as we are known.

30 Unveiling of God 64-0614M P:132 The veil, tradition of unbelievers, taken away, you see God. When the veil of traditions has been removed, you can see that God is still God of His Word. He still keeps His Word. He's the God, Author of His Word that is hid behind skin veils to others. Yes, that is right. To those who cannot go behind the veil, He's still behind skin veils.

31 Mighty God unveiled 64-0629 P:65 Now, when their veil of traditions of the elders and the Word is broke through (oh, of course, today), then comes in plain view, we see Him: Deity again veiled in human flesh. Hebrews 1 said so, and also Genesis 18. You remember God was a Man, standing there eating and talking with Abraham, and told what Sarah was doing in the tent behind It. And Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of man," Deity veiled again in human flesh. Now remember, Jesus didn't say, "When the Son of God is being revealed," in Luke the 17 chapter, I believe, and about the 20th, 21st verse, somewhere along there; He said, "And when the Son of man is being revealed," the Son of man back in the church again, revealed in human beings, not Son of God, but the Son of man again, back in His church again in the last days. We find that He promised that in God's promises.

32 Unveiling of God 64-0614M P:174 But now as Revelation 10 is revealed, the mysteries of God is made manifest, known, as the seven-sealed Book promised. Now, let your faith in Him Who is the Word... 'Cause in Revelations 10 it says--or in Revelations 19, rather... I had it wrote down here, Revelations 10, to go to it; but it ain't 10, it's 19. When He comes, He's going to be called the Word of God, riding upon a white horse, and the followers of heaven will be behind Him. Break the denominational veil of education. Break the denominational veil of tradition. Break those veils that's hiding Him from you. Break those veils of pride, you women; you're a King's daughters; act like it; live like it. Break every veil. No matter what Ph.D. and LL.D. says; if it's contrary to that Bible, break through that veil; for we've crossed the riven veil. We're on the other side now, on the other side. And you will see, if you'll just do that, break those old traditions and things and come to Him, you'll see Him standing the Mighty Conqueror, the Word of promise for this age made manifest. You'll see the mighty God unveiled, see Him right among us here, unveiled, the mighty God, unconquered by traditions.

33 Unveiling of God 64-0614M P:120 Notice, all the Glory that is in God is in the Word. All the blessings that's in God is in the Word. It's hid to the unbeliever by traditions. See what I mean? But It's all in Christ. All that God was, He emptied Himself ("kenos") and came into Christ; and we, into Christ are behind the veil..."Well, I'm into Christ," you say. And then believe there's three gods? Baptize in the name of "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"? Believe in all these traditions and things that you believe in, of the elders? No, you're still behind the veil. See? Come into the veil; He, Christ is the Word. How?" I don't believe in Divine healing. I don't believe in these miracles and things like that." Well, you see, you're not inside the veil; you don't know nothing about it. See? Christ is the Word. And when we're in the Word, we're in Christ. And how can I be in Christ, denying Christ? It's He that said, "Not one word shall be added to or taken from." How can you take from and add to then? See, it shows you what veil that's got you veiled away. See?

34 Unveiling of God 64-0614M P:108 Now in this age, when the old denominational and traditional veil has been rent from the Word of God, so It can be manifested. You see what I mean? The tradition says, "All those things are past." (Let it soak a little bit.) "The things are past." But in this last day that traditional veil has been rent apart; here stands the Pillar of Fire. See? Here He is, manifesting the Word for this day. The veil's rent. Now, the world, still they don't believe it. No matter what, they don't see it. They don't see it. It wasn't sent to them. Remember, the Son of God was not revealed to Sodom; two messengers was. That's right. But this God Himself in human flesh was revealed to Abraham, the elected. And watch what He done to reveal Himself. And now,

Abraham knew, when He knew what was in Sarah's thought behind Him, he said, called Him Elohim. See? "Thy servant..."

35 Unveiling of God 64-0614M P:59 Could it be possible that the Gentiles has hit the same thing? (Oh, God.) When they've had the church ages of the Son of God, but when now the veil of this denominations and things, this veil of tradition that we've got since Pentecost, when the church traditions has been rent, the things that the people said, "Days of miracles is past," and these things, and God has took the veil off of it and brought It in plain view, and they're ready to crucify It again. Just exactly right.

36 Now, Paul continues, 15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Notice the veil which brother Branham said is the education and traditions is upon the heart, not upon the mind, but it is covering over Christ from the heart, so that they can not change their heart.

37 16 Nevertheless when it (what? The heart,) Nevertheless when the heart shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. can't you see why I have been trying so hard for you to open your hearts to God and let Him in? when your heart turns to the Lord it will lift those traditions away from you that have covered over his Word from becoming alive in our heart.

38 17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face (in other words one which is able to look into the mirror of the word with no veil over our face, no traditions, no creeds) beholding as in a glass (that's a mirror, the mirror of the Word) beholding as in a mirror of the Word the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

39 Noticed, we are changed into the same image, that's Romans 8:29 the image of Christ. And we are changed he says from glory to glory from doxa to doxa, from opinion to opinion from values to values.

40 Now, in getting back to paragraph 148 of Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed, brother Branham says, " Watch God's great revelation unfolding. By lack of this revelation is why we have so many different divisions among us and so much mockery, so much division among us, is because the people lack that revelation. See, they lack that revelation: the teachers. Paul, after his great revelation of Christ, said in I Corinthians the 2nd chapter... Be sure to read that as you write it down. Watch. Oh, he said, "I never come to you with wisdom." Look at that man who did have the wisdom. Look at that man who had the scholarship. "I never come to you with them kind of a word." (I Corinthians, the 2nd chapter of I Corinthians.) Oh, I wish... Well, let's just read it. Can you stand a minute, and let's read just a verse or two? I'd just like to read it so you wouldn't be... It'd get even the people on the tape to turn back to it anyhow, it'd give them a chance: I Corinthians the 2nd chapter. Listen to this great apostle here, Paul, the intellectual servant of God. Let's looky here. ... I, Paul,... when I come to you, came not with excellency of speech,... of wisdom, declaring to you the testimony of God... (I never said, "I'm Dr. So-and-so. See?) For I am determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. ... my speech and my beseeching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and... power--of the power:

41 149 There, see there's the Gospel. See? Jesus said, "Go ye in all the world and preach the Gospel." Didn't say, "Go teach," He said, "Go preach." In other words, demonstrate the power, and these signs shall follow them. Just teaching doesn't do it. It takes the actual Spirit Itself demonstrating these signs. Listen to this. "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of man, but in the power of God". Oh, my. See, to change the man... Not what I can explain away and say, "He's not the same," when He is the same. If I do that, it shows to me. It, it... Surely a man tell me that, it would show me he don't have the revelation, the threefold revelation of God. See? Now... And howbeit... in weakness... among you that are perfect: yet we're not with the wisdom of the world, but of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in... mystery,... (See, the

threefold mystery of God)... even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew:... (None of the priests, rabbise, rabbis, pardon me, or anything knew anything about it)... for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory: You say, "You're wrong about rabbis and preachers there." Who crucified Him? Oh, on and on and on we could go; read it (See?) on... save time, 'cause we got just... Not getting late yet, but we just got plenty here to say if the Lord will help us.

42 150 Now, lack of this, now... And Paul, this great intellectual man, never tried to express his great theological terms upon the people. He humbly accepted the Word of the Lord, and he lived the Word so that it expressed It. He lived so, so godly until they seen Jesus Christ in him so much, till they wanted his handkerchief to take it and lay it upon the sick. There's the Life of Christ. Not what some... "Oh, you see, Elijah done that a long time ago, laid his stick, but oh, that was the days of Elijah." Now, the world thought that. The intellectual priest and things, and churches of that day thought that, but to them believers, they knew different. They seen the revelation of Christ that was in Elijah: same thing was in Paul, expressed the same kind of Life, 'cause he was a prophet. See? He foretold things that happened exactly the way it was, and they knew that was God's identification of a prophet. And they knew that he was God's prophet. You couldn't shake them from it at all.

43 Now, listen brothers and sisters, Elijah was a man filled with the spirit of Christ and when he laid his body upon the body of that dead boy, and placed his hands on the lads hands and his lips upon the boys lips, and breathed into that body the breath of life, that boy came to life again. And when Elisha was so full of that quickening power in him, that when he finally died himself they threw a man's body one day upon his bones that laid in that grave and up scrambled that man out of that pit because his lifeless body had come into contact with that quickening power of God and made him alive again.

44 And we have a promise from God himself in Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. And we know the body that is dead is a corpse not a mortal body, so Paul is talking about this body that we live in now which is capable of dying. He's not talking about the millennium, he's talking about the body of this death, that God living in the body of this death, can so quicken this body that it will change from mortal to immortal. And why not, if the only immortal kind is living in your body, do you think the body is greater than the life governing that body?

45 And how does God's spirit bear witness? He lives and abides and uses your body as his own.

46 151 Even when they seen Peter foretell those things that come to pass, they said, "Just let his shadow pass over me." Amen. That's the Church. That's the ones that believe it. Yes, sir. It was revealed by... Why did Paul say? "Because I got a Ph., LL.D., so forth they believe me"? No, he said, "I forgot all those things. The wisdom of man" said, "had to die. And I know Him in the power of His resurrection. That's what I come to you as, with the demonstration of God's power." What was it? Making Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.

152 The same works that Jesus did, Paul did the same. What? What are you talking about brother Branham, we all know that John 14:12 the works of Christ was only for you to do. How can you say that Paul did them? Hi-yi-yi,...

47 You know the more we read from this sermon of Br. Branham's the more I am thoroughly convinced that these men who oppose what we believe concerning John 14:12 haven't even got a clue to what this Message is all about. And I genuinely feel sorry for them, because they are blind leading the blind and they will all fall into the

ditch.

48 How can you make a statement that "he" is a personal pronoun and speaks of only one person. And then use that to make a doctrine that totally contradicts the teaching of the prophet of God. He said right here "The same works that Jesus did, Paul did the same."

49 Now, show me where Paul didn't. And if you believe Paul did then why do you hold onto your theology that John 14:12 speaks of only one person William Branham. And brother Branham himself said the works Jesus did Paul did the same works. Let me read it again... "The same works that Jesus did, Paul did the same".

50 Now, you all have the books, is that not what he said? But did Paul have the discerning of the spirit like William Branham and Jesus? He cast out spirits, I know that. But when did Paul talk to someone like Jesus did to the woman at the well and read the thoughts and intents of the heart. Show me where, because I am waiting to be corrected.

51 Discernment is not the works of Christ. Discernment is in the mind and heart, it is not an action. The works are "ergon", that means work, labor, something you do. Not something that is shown you in vision. That's Hebrews 4:12 not John 14:12. But that just goes to show they haven't got a clue to what God is doing and has ordained to fulfill in a bride in this hour. Our life is dead, and hid or covered by the life of Christ, and thus the bride is to become a perfect reflection of the very life of Christ to this generation.

52 When we look back at men like Columba and Martin who saw something in the life of Elijah that those men themselves laid their own bodies upon dead men and those dead men came back to life, and William Branham even laid his body upon a man who had died with tuberculosis and laid his hands upon his hands and his mouth upon that dead man's mouth and God breathed the breath of life back into that man.

53 Oh, brothers and sisters, are you so afraid to let God use your body when He longs to do it. I've laid hands on men and women full of tuberculosis on my first trip to Africa and how can you do it if you fear man more than you fear God?

54 I've had to break ice in Minnesota to baptize in January up there and not get sick, and show me one person that has been baptized in a cold lake or stream that got sick because they had to break water to baptize them. Then what are we so afraid of?

55 Brother Branham said, "The same works that Jesus did, Paul did the same. And they seen God, the great Father, that had demonstrated in the burning bush, had demonstrated It to Paul, and here it was being demonstrated; and He's the same in every age. God's threefold manner: yesterday, today, and forever. What? Redeemer in His Church; preeminences in the coming Kingdom. Amen. You see it? Just as perfect as it can be.

56 153 Oh, notice. The Holy Ghost is the only Revealer of the Divine revelation of Christ. There's no school can do it; no scholar can do it, no man, how well educated, how godly or anything else; there's no man can do it. I could sting hard here. How many's Christians, born again (raise up your hands), filled with the Holy Ghost? All right. Here we go then. All right. Notice, and He will only do it to the predestinated. That's exactly. "All the Father has given Me will come, and no man can come except the Father give him to Me first."

57 So what's the use to fuss with them. Don't fuss with them, just let them go on the blind leading the blind, and pretty soon they will manifest their blindness by falling in the ditch.

58 Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how oft I would have hovered you like a hen doth her brood but ye would not. So

he just let them go. But God has an elected seed that will grasp the light of the hour, and the threefold revelation that brother Branham is talking about there, and all have heard and understood will come.

59 Let us bow our head in prayer.