

#101 Organized or blessed

1 This morning I would like to continue with our study of Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed and read from pp. 196 Watch, the tree puts forth a branch, a Lutheran. What did it do? When the tree started coming up, here come the fruit coming up with it. What happened? They denominating. So the Pruner come by (the Father, Husbandman) and cuts it off at, "It's dead." Up come the Wesleyan; it done fine coming up. What did it do? The fruit went right back into the tree again, so He cut the vine off; it dead. Show me one church... I want to know. I've got thirty-three years of church history. Show me one time, one place, where any church ever organized that didn't die on the spot. Show me one place it ever rose again outside of just numbers and things, not a revival. See? It's not there. No, sir, she's all gone.

2 From his sermon, Influence 64-0315 P:62 When they organize, they die. There's no way back. There never has been, and there never will be. God is against the thing. That's the reason He said in the last days He'd say, "Come out from among them, My people, that you touch not their unclean things, and I'll receive you."

3 Now, you say well, what does that have to do with us who have the right understanding of the Godhead which is the first of all revelations. Well, brother Branham nails that kind of thinking in his sermon, I have heard but now I see 65-1127E P:83 he said, "But back in there then they begin to form the oneness organization, the trinity organization, the twoness organization, (and then brother Branham says,) and Church of God organization, and all organized, and just death exactly."

4 Now, notice brother Branham begins by showing how each "Godhead belief" began and then organized around that belief or certain understanding of Godhead, and he says, they organized around oneness and died, they organized around Trinity and died, then he says they organized around "twoness", and died, and before he says they died, he names the Church of God.

5 Now, this was no slip up, because there is an offshoot of the Church of God that preaches Twoness, and their version of the Godhead is about 99% identical to what brother Vayle taught. I talked to brother Vayle many times about this and br. Jimmie you know that's true. Because I mentioned it not only in private but right at the table sitting around talking.

6 Now, here is the kicker, the Merriam Webster dictionary defines "Twoness" as: the quality or state of being two: duality. And we know that brother Branham said, "Jesus was a dual person, because God lived in that body." So was he preaching "Twoness"? NO! He was not and did not preach "Twoness". He never said understanding the Godhead is the greatest of all revelations. That is not what he said. I know many teach that but he did not teach that. He said, "the greatest of all revelations is the Deity, the supreme deity of the "Lord Jesus Christ" and you can not get to first base with that.

7 Now, that is not saying you have to master the Godhead, not at all. It is understanding how God has worked down through the ages, how that God (Deity) lived in that pillar of fire over Israel, How that God (Deity) could move into a burning bush and use it, How that God (Deity) could enter a rock and use it to bring water, and how that same Deity could come down and live in his son, and live in you and I.

8 He is not talking Godhead, he's talking God-Life which is (Deity, as Websters defines it, as (The nature of

God) and brother Branham is talking about how God's Life, His Deity could work in this vessel and that vessel all the way down through the ages, and he it summed up in the body of His Son, and how it is to work in you and me.

9 But no, they would rather defined Deity as the study of Godhead, and make it a theology instead of the focus on the God-Life as it works in His church.

10 Now, listen, the Church of God that William Branham refers to right after he says Twoness, is the "The Church of God General Conference" and it's college is the "Atlanta Bible College", and they all use the Systematic Theology, by Alva Huffer, published by Church of God General Conference in 1960.

11 And I've studied their material on the Godhead when I was writing the books on it, and I've con:rd with some of their leaders, and I can say unequivocally they use the same Scriptures we do for the Godhead all the way through, and their main conclusion is the same, "There is one God and He had a Son, and the son was not "God the Son", but rather he was "the Son of God".

12 But they organized around that doctrine and brother Branham said right there they died. Why? Because they shut out further light. Now, where their doctrine is wrong is they do not believe in a pre-incarnate son, as some in this message do not as well. They believe the son of God did not come into existence until the virgin birth. But look 99% is right on, but all it takes is one word of to enter Satan's kingdom.

13 But Br. Branham said, when the church begins to Organize on any given point of scripture that is when they die right there."

14 Church Age Book 3 - The Ephesian Church Age P:64 But as usual people don't heed God's warning. That revival fire built upon the sacred Word is so wonderful, and the manifestation of the Spirit so blessed, that a little fear creeps in and a whisper in the heart says, "How can we protect this truth we have? What can we do to see this revival goes on?" That is when the "antichrist spirit" comes in and whispers, "Look, you have the truth now, see that it doesn't get lost. Organize and set up your creed of what you believe. Put it all in a church manual." And they do it. They organize. They add to the Word. And they die just like Eve did for taking One wrong word. It's God's Word that brings life. And it's not what we say about the Word that counts, but it's what God said.

15 And again from the Church Age Book 10 - Resume of the Ages P:23 When Luther preached justification by faith the true vine for the first time in many centuries began to grow in a bountiful manner. As the nominal church had used state power to back it up, now state power began to flow against it. And this is where Luther made his mistake, and the true believers made their mistake. They allowed the state to subsidize them. So this age did not launch out very far on the Word. Thank God that it did go as far as it did, but because it leaned on political power to a great extent, this age ended in organization, and this very group that in Luther's generation had broken from the false vine, now turned back to become a daughter of the harlot for she went right into Nicolaitanism and Balaamism. This era had scores of factions within it, and to prove how far they were from true seed is to merely read history and see how they persecuted each other, even unto death in some cases.

16 The word denomination according to our dictionary has several meanings but they all speak of one central theme. While I read the definitions, I want you to think in terms of what theme carries through out these definitions. 1. A group of religious congregations united under a common faith and name and organized under a single administrative and legal hierarchy. 2. One of a series of kinds, values, or sizes, as in a system of currency or weights: 3. A name or designation, especially for a class or group.

17 Notice that each example of denomination speaks of an assessed value, size, or kind. So you see when we think in terms of denomination we must think in terms of what value or assessment is associated with the

denomination we speak of. And it does not matter what they hold to, for a vindicated prophet told us when they denominate they die right there.

18 So you see to denominate means certain death to the church. And what does that mean? It means that the Life has left it and they are now holding to a value that they have assigned. In other words if the word they preached and emphasized was a certain, certain thing, then if God brings further light upon that certain thing, or even upon another thing, and the people see that other thing does not hold the same value to them as the thing they already have, then they turn it aside and right there they've organized around that one certain, certain thing. And right there God can no longer help them because they have turned down further light from His word.

19 That is why no matter what camp you may claim, when you shut off further light that is the minute you die right there.

20 And what if God sends them a teacher and they refuse the teaching, then they refuse the Holy Ghost because the Apostle John told us that the Holy Ghost is the Teacher. And what if that teacher dies and the people refuse any other ministry God has placed in the church to teach or guide the people, then the people will never come to maturity and the Life will move on and they will dry up and miss what God continues to do through the gifts he has placed in the church.

21 Paul told us that the Five Fold ministry is for the perfecting of the church. That means the finishing off or coming into maturity and full expression. So to turn down the five fold ministry and to make it a one or two fold ministry means the people have placed a certain value upon one or two ministries, and they've shut themselves off from further Light upon God's word.

22 Now, I am not talking about further light as though its additional light. I am talking about further understanding of the Light God has given to us.

23 So you see, if the light that God continues to shed abroad by the Holy Ghost is turned away because it did not come from your champion, then it shows that you have never received the Light and thus the Life of God, but rather the vessel only that God used. And when you resist the working of God in any form it shows you also resist God Himself.

24 Even Jesus Himself said, John 13:20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receives whomsoever I send receives me; and he that receives me receives him that sent me.

25 So to say, I accept his prophet but not his teacher is to say I really don't trust that God can keep His Word. And to say, I accept His teacher but not His Apostles or Evangelists or Pastors, etc. means that you are carnal as the Apostle Paul told the Corinthian church. And to be carnal shows the Life there's no life there, you are relying on form only. Having a form of Godliness but denying the power thereof. Having a form of God-likeness and denying the Power thereof, and God told us the power of God is His Word.

26 From His sermon called Seed not heir with shuck 65-0218 P:65 Brother Branham was talking about how that Sarah tried to make the promise happen by giving her concubine to Abraham, thinking that would fulfill the promise that God had made to Abraham. And that is how carnal believers always think. They do not trust for God to work out His Promises, because they really do not trust His Word. So they try to work them out for themselves and in doing so they always miss the promise.

27 That is why John 14:12 is so misunderstood. As I have said all along, it is not whether you do or whether you do not do, because even Jesus Himself said, The son can do nothing but whatsoever the father does, that

doeth the son likewise. So as I have said all along, it's whether our motive and objective is right. That is what John 14:12 is all about. And if our motive and objective says, "whatsoever the Lord wishes for me to do, I'm willing to do it."

28 That is why Ezekiel could lie down on his side for 390 days on his left side and 40 days on his right. Was that a work of Christ? He did what the father showed him to do? But the problem is people want to get ahead of God or because they have organized their understanding of God's Word they miss what God wants for them to be open to.

29 That is what Brother Branham was saying in this sermon, Seed not heir with shuck 65-0218 P:65 Sarah trying to get the promises all fulfilled (You see?), like the church today, a great revival in our time by what? By a perverted promise. How are you going to do it when God never did bless organizations. He never did use an organization. When a message went forth, and they organized, it died right there. I challenge any historian to show me where it ever raised again. It died right there and stayed right there. God just moved right on out of that carrier into another one, right on out of the Lutheran into the Methodist, right on out of the Methodist into the Pentecostals. Now, He's moved right on out of the Pentecostals into the Seed, because it has to be the Seed. You can't beat nature.

30 Again from his message Jehovah Jireh 61-0209 P:48 He said, What happened to Luther as soon as Luther saw the Pillar of Fire? Why, he followed It. But what did he do? After Luther's day, they organized a church called Lutheran. Then it died right there on the organization, 'cause it's just like the Catholic church. Then, the first thing you know, along come Wesley. The Pillar of Fire moved right out of the organization and went on. Wesley saw it, and away he went after it. And as soon as the first round died out, they organized it, called it the Wesleyan Methodist, or the Methodist church. When they organized it, it died right there. Then the Pentecostal seen it, going out, not from justification, under Luther, and sanctification under Wesley, but they saw the baptism of the Holy Ghost, back to the original blessing. Here they went after it (Oh, my.), went out and begin to speak with tongues and the power of God working through them. But what did they do? Organized it. It died right there. But now the Pillar of Fire is moving out. It's moving again. It'll never... 49 Never one time did an organization ever rise up that didn't die and never come back again. I challenge any historian.

31 So you see, the minute men begin to talk of organizing the Message or the Doctrine of Christ, or the minute they try to take over a man's ministry whether to protect, preserve it, or whatever motive they might have, right there they die and if that ministry allows it, then that ministry will die alongside of them. And the Pillar of Fire will keep moving on.

32 But those who gravitate to organization are going to miss the Rapture. Because brother Branham defined the Rapture as the Life coming up first in Luther, then in Wesley and on up to the very end. So it is the process of Life coming up. And those who miss the Life that the doctrine was ordained to produce will not be ready for the Word that has been ordained for them in this hour.

33 Look, brethren, we have promises of adoption, we have promised of manifesting our Sonship, we have promises of being conformed to the Image of the first born son, and the only thing that will stop you from receiving is yourself. The bible says, "The Bride hath made herself ready". And by receiving the word into fertile soil she produced fruit, some thirty, some sixty and some a hundred fold." That is what God wants, a Body that will do what it was ordained to do, produce fruit.

34 And it will all be over very soon, my brothers so be very careful not to organize what God is doing. Just let go and let God have His way.

35 Now, let's follow through with what brother Branham is saying here because he really nails down this attitude that let's you know the attributes and characteristics of organization.

36 Brother Branham continues, Jehovah Jireh 61-0209 P:49 I'm looking in the face there of one of the best there is in the nation. That's right. A historian of the historians is setting right with us. And I'll ask that man, or any other man, to ever show me one time that a church ever organized, but it didn't die and stay dead. It never did rise again in the history of the churches of the world: never did. God don't want that. God wants us to be free in Him. He wants us to a place where we can accept all of God. Not stay on this mountain; move out. Abraham's seed. Now, you say, "You're against organization?" No, sir. Organizations is all right, but you draw a boundary line, cut everybody out but the fellow that don't believe just like you do. The thing we got to do is stretch out our arms to Lutheran, Methodist, and all, to a place where we can have fellowship one with another, while the Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sins. Till we get to that, we'll just die. Sit right here and shrivel up like and old shriveled-up apple. And there you become as puckery as a persimmon, and sit around, "Well, I belong to so and so." Oh, my. No more life coming into it. You see? We just can't do that. No, we've got to come and be in Christ Jesus. We're heirs, joint heirs with Him. Now, till we separate our self from the things of the world...

37 Now in much of his Message brother Branham hits against organization, but the sad part is, that people who should know better end up organizing around a certain ministry or personality instead of holding only to the Word of God, and focusing on that Word and drawing the Life from that Word.

38 But to organize is death, and to organize then is no different than to denominate. To do so is to die spiritually. Even Jesus taught us that. He said those that organize are to be gathered for the burning. You don't burn fresh green things. You burn old dried out things, whether it be wood or stalks, or husks, or whatever. Green shows life, and it does not burn easy. But that which is old and dried out burns quickly.

39 Notice two seeds are allowed to grow up side by side until the time of the harvest. Then a separation is to take place. First there will be a gathering together of the seed, which the enemy sowed. The Tares will begin to gather together first.

40 In paragraph 118 Lean not to Thy Own Understanding 65-0120, brother Branham said, You know, the Bible said you can believe a lie and be damned by it. See? That's exactly the truth. They form, no matter what the Word of God says, they lean to their own understanding. They lean on it; they believe it; they think it's the Truth. You can keep believing a lie over and over and over till it's the truth to you. That's right. But how do we know whether it's Truth or not? God proved it's Truth, 'cause it's in His Word and He a-vindicates It. He does His own interpretation of It. How do they do, get to this? They do it by their culture, their education, of their understandings of the degree of doctor's degree, and so forth, that they have come from some certain seminary and learned these things.

41 Now, notice in the next paragraph in Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed, no 197, how brother Branham contrasts this death by organization with Life God's provided way. 197 So what did her Husbandman do? Come by and pruned it. See? It brought forth denominational fruit (lemons on an orange tree), so He pruned it off (See?), brought it forth, kept up... But where is the heart of the tree? Right in the middle. And He's pruned them all down, till right in the top... He's got a Seed down here in the root, like a tree that's planted by the rivers of water (he that takes God's laws and love in his heart)--and he shall be like a tree (Psalms 1) planted by the rivers of water; his leaves shall not wither; in his season he'll bear his fruit. And here it is right... And where does the fruit ripen at quickly? in top of the tree. Why? The light's on it. Amen. That's right. And right in the top of the tree in this last days He's bringing forth a Bride Tree.

42 Notice, he turns our attention now, not to the negative side where he just hammered that organizational spirit, but now he is showing life, how at the top of the tree at the end-time there will be a bride tree that is like what we see in Psalms 1. Blessed is the man that will not take the advice of the ungodly, nor will he go along with the life of the sinner, nor will he assemble himself among the mockers. 2 But his delight is (that's present tense continuously) in the Word of the LORD; and in his Word doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

43 So you see the difference between the two seeds. One organizes unto death, but the other lays in the presence of the SON, the doctrine of Christ, and in the doctrine does he meditate day and night.

44 Notice the big difference is fruit. This one his fruit will not wither, but the other is like the chaff that the wind blows away. and notice that he is called blessed.

45 Uncertain sound 55-0731 P:13 And then over in Psalms, the 1st Psalm, we read this. "Blessed is the man who God will not impute to him unright--righteousness, or sin." And the blessed man is a different man. David speaking, saying that how blessed he was, that, "The blessed man, he was like a tree that's planted by the rivers of water," in Psalms 1, "and how that he would bear his fruit in the season. The ungodly would not be so, but he would perish," and so forth. But the blessed man was God's man.

46 So let's look at some other things God says about the man that is blessed, the man that is God's man..

47 Psalms 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

48 Psalms 32:2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

49 Seed of discrepancy 65-0118 P: Not even sin is imputed to a genuine believer. Did you know that? He that's born of God, does not commit sin; he cannot sin. See? It's not even imputed. Why, David said, "Blessed is the man who God will not impute sin." When you're in Christ, you have no desire to sin. "The worshipper, once purged, has no more conscience to sin; you don't desire it.

50 Romans 4:8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

51 Psalms 34:8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

52 Psalms 65:4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causes to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

53 Psalms 84:5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

54 Psalms 84:12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

55 Psalms 94:12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;

56 Psalms 112:1 Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

57 Proverbs 8:34 Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

58 Isaiah 56:2 Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keeps the sabbath from polluting it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.

59 Jeremiah 17:7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

60 James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

61 Planting the vine and where to plant it 59-0920 P:22 It is like David also said again in the Psalms 1. He said, "Blessed is the man that will not join up with these scoffers and ungodly people;" not connect with them, not set in the seat with them. You know scoffers that say, "The days of miracles is past"; and "the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is just a make belief." Blessed is the man that'll not do that. Blessed is the man that'll stand forth from such a thing. They don't want to mix those together, and you cannot mix those things together. Blessed is the man who won't assemble himself unto one of those things that denies the power of the Lord. The Bible said, "Come out from among such, for the day will come when they will be heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away."

62 Uncertain sound 55-0731 P:53 Every man or woman that's ever tried to live for God is accused of ungodly things. "He's a witch. He bewitched the grease." He had so much power of God in Him, so much... Not witchery, but what was It? The hidden power of God that was in him. He looked like a man. He eat like a man. He slept like a man. He cried like a man. He was a man. But God was in His man. The blessing was in the man." Blessed is the man," said David. No uncertainty to him. That man knows what he's talking about. I don't care what the world says, what you say about him, try to make him mad, he won't get mad. I don't care how much you talk about him, he won't pay no attention to it. He will go on, 'cause he's got a blessing in here. He will pray for you. That's right. You might do anything in the world; he never pay no attention to it. Won't back-bite his neighbors, and go around and stir up trouble. He will be a peacemaker. He will do everything he can, for he's a child of God. Blessed is that man. Yes.

63 Planting the vine and where to plant it 59-0920 P:23 Blessed is the man that will not assemble himself with these scoffers, making fun, calling the true Church a bunch of fanatics." He shall be like a tree that's planted by the rivers of water. God has put him in a choice spot. His fruit shall not wither. He will bring forth his leaves and fruits in the season. Watch how David worded that. "This man is blessed. He will be planted," not just set out. You know, I like see anything planted. Now, Israel in Egypt was not planted, they were just set out. It wasn't their original home ground. And a man that's a Christian, that rests his eternal destination upon some denominational creed, he's not in his right place. He was born to be free and a child of God, to worship God. But he's under a creed; he can't bring forth his fruits. Yet something in him is longing to do it. He shall be like a tree that is planted by the rivers of water: rivers, plural; water, singular, many rivers coming into the one channel.