

#140 Comments concerning the Five Fold Ministry

1 This evening I would like to read a few scriptures and quotes from our prophet concerning the Five Fold Ministry. I think we all realize The Holy Ghost is the teacher, but we also know that God has always used ministers to do His teaching to men.

2 Acts 8:30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? 31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

3 Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

4 Romans 10:14-17 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

5 Martin Luther in his comments on these verses said, "Even though they say they hear, they boast in vain, unless they hear true preachers; for to hear false prophets means as much as not to hear. They hear and they do not hear. They have ears, but do not hear, nor do they preach The True Word of God. There are four statements which follow one another in such a way that one leads to the other, but so that the last forms the foundation on which the others rest. Thus, 1. It is impossible that those preach who are not sent. 2. It is impossible that those hear who are without a preacher. 3. It is impossible that they believe who do not hear. 4. It is impossible that they call upon Him who do not believe. To these must be added a fifth, it is impossible that they who do not call upon the name of the lord shall be saved. So, then, the entire source and origin of salvation rests on this, that God sends out someone, (a true minister of the Word). If He does not send out any, then they who preach, preach falsely, and their preaching is no preaching at all. In fact, it would be better for them not to preach. Then also, they who hear, hear error, and it would be better for them not to hear. Then also they who believe, would believe false doctrine, and it would be better for them not to call. For such preachers, do not preach; such hearers do not hear; such believers do not believe; such callers do not call; they will be damned because they would be saved by falsehood. As we read in Proverbs 1:28 "Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: for that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord". Then only they can preach with certainty who preach without error."

6 Now, we know what Paul said in Romans 10, and we know what he said in 2 Corinthians 11, and again in the book of Galatians, that if they receive a wrong word, then they will receive a wrong spirit. How then can we think that anyone who sits under a wrong ministry and has a wrong conception of the message has the right spirit, which is the Holy Spirit? A wrong conception is a wrong quickening to life. Conception means to quicken to life.

7 We know Peter said, in 1 Peter 1:23 that "we are born again, not by a corruptible seed, but by an incorruptible seed, by the Word of God which Lives and Abides forever." Jesus told us that the Sower sowed a seed which is the Word of God. And that seed will produce a life according to the law of reproduction, which states, "Every seed must bring forth after its own nature."

Then to receive a wrong Word is to receive a wrong seed, and therefore must produce a wrong spirit or a wrong life. How can it be any other way.

8 1John 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

9 Did you know that brother Branham said we must have a right teaching in order to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit? To receive the Seal of God? And if you don't receive the seal of God there is only one seal left and that is the seal of Satan, which is the mark of the beast.

10 Now notice that Jesus up to this point in the parable in Luke chapter 6 has been speaking about not following blindly, because you could be following someone who is as blind as you are. And then he tells us that if your teacher has rightfully equipped you, then you will become as that teacher. In other words, you will think like him, and speak like him, and act like him. Now that is not to say that you are to look at his flesh, but we are guided by one thing and that is the Word of God.

11 II Timothy 4:3-5 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, (This means they will no longer put up with correct teaching); but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. (Now, it is really strange how people could actually be so stupid that they would rather listen to fables and stories than to hear the Truth, but just look at Roman Catholicism, it's full of stories and fables and made up things, and yet their are over 800 million people who believe it.) So we are commanded to: "But watch thou in all things (and this is essential, to watch means to keep an eye on what is happening, to be observant), and that is the key.

12 Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, Evangelists; and some, Pastors and Teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in The unity of Tthe Faith, and of The knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

13 Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

14 Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (and we know there is only one name that fits those three titles and that is the Lord Jesus Christ) 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

15 Seventy Weeks of Daniel 89-14161-0806 5 Many times people hear from tapes, and they say, "Well, I disagree with that. He just don't know his teaching, doesn't know the Scripture." Well, that may be all true. See, I wouldn't say that isn't true, but to me, I study it, not taking any words... I read what other men has to say and appreciate them. And everything that anyone says, I appreciate it. But then I take it to God, and I stay with it until I can explain it from Genesis to Revelation, and then see it all hook up in the Bible, and then I know it's somewhere near right. And 'course, where you're right, that's just one

place that I got off of the line at. And maybe where you're wrong or right, that's where I got off the line, and vice versa.

Be Not Afraid 61-0311 E-13 And I looked at him, and I called him by name. I'm afraid to say it, 'cause many of you know him. And I said, "Doctor, I'm surprised that a man of your caliber, a servant of Christ, would ask another servant of Christ to compromise on the Word of God." That's right. I said, "I'm surprised at you saying that." He said, "Well, we think that you're wrong in your conception." I said, "Then correct me by the Scripture." That's the way it is. I said, "Then correct me." See? And I said, "I would not compromise on the Word of God." No, sir.

You see, there are a few guys going around and saying, "You know, Branham he's off the Word, and they say, Vayle you know he's off the word, and you know Kocourek, he's off the word. But brother, if you got the Scripture to show where I'm off the word come to me. I asked them to come with their Bibles open, but will they do it? No, sir.

16 In fact one that said I'm false to me, and I said if I am false then show you are obligated by this Word to show me in the Word where I'm off. He said, "you know the Bible better than me so I can't do it". Then how am I off if you don't even know what Scripture you think I am wrong with? You can't show me where I'm wrong by the Bible but you will hold to your stubborn idea that I must be wrong somehow? If that isn't a seed of discrepancy I do not know what to call it?

17 What they are basing their concept on is just feelings. And the Bible never said do you feel it, It said, "do you believe it". If you can not base what you believe based on the Bible then you are still lost in your sin which is unbelief.

18 Identified with Christ 59-1220E 39 Listen, friends. Don't try to depend and seek sensations. Instead, rely upon realities (See?), not sensation. Shouting's all right; speaking in tongues is all right; praising the Lord's all right; faith for miracles is all right, all those things and those feelings... Some of them say, "Oooh, I felt It like a rushing wind." Another one say, "I felt fire in my soul." What... That doesn't make it right either way. It's what you are after you have received It. See? That's what counts. See? So you can't pin It to any certain sensation. Now, that's honestly the best that I know. Now, I may be wrong; if I am, then I misunderstand the Scripture. And if it's contrary, well, I don't mean to be contrary. See? But I'm just telling it my version of what I believe that is Truth.

19 Let us pray