

#143 Christian life no 23 Prisoners to the Word not wilfully disobedient

1 This evening I would like to continue with Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed, and we'll pick up at paragraph 228 where brother Branham says, "It goes right by them, and they don't recognize it till it's gone. It only picks up the predestinated seed that God predestinated before the foundation of the earth. The same thing come through in the days of Noah. Same thing come through in the days of Moses, days of Elijah, days of the prophets, days of Jesus, on down through and to this very hour. The pregnated person with the seed of God, the Word in there manifesting Itself, so surrendered to the will of God that the Word and the Word alone manifests Itself and this person's a prisoner, to an individual."

2 Now, I would like to focus our thoughts tonight on this statement brother Branham makes,

3 "It goes right by them, and they don't recognize it till it's gone." Then brother Branham contrasts that to those who are the predestinated seed which he also calls the pregnated person with the seed of God. And it is in them the ones who have received the true baptism of the Holy Ghost that the word within them will manifest itself in them because they are as he says, so surrendered to the will of God that the Word and the Word alone manifests Itself in them.

4 Therefore tonight, being this is communion night and when we come to the communion table we are to have already judged ourselves by This Word or else we will take the Communion unworthily, and bring judgment on ourselves, not discerning the Body of the Lord, which body is the bride of Christ.

5 I get emails daily from brothers telling me of the battles they are having in this Message from those who think we are teaching two Gods. And the argument used is they say brother Branham said "Jesus is God". But they fail to read brother Branham's explanation of those statements, and always he says something like, Jesus is God because God dwelt in him. Or Jesus was God, because God came into his flesh and manifested Himself to humanity using that flesh.

6 Always there is an explanation, but if we are not careful we see brothers begin to pit brother Branham against the Scriptures, saying "the scriptures are our absolute", and "the Scriptures were brother Branham's absolute". When we do that we begin to let Satan divide and conquer.

7 If we truly believe that the Scriptures were indeed brother Branham's absolute, and ours, then we should not believe for one second that brother Branham said contrary to the Scriptures. That is the first mistake you can make because as I said if Satan can get you to think brother Branham is confusing, then you will lay aside brother Branham's sermons and go to just reading your Bible, or as some others have done, find another absolute.

8 And when you have laid aside the Message and go strictly to reading your Bible, Satan now has you where he wants you because what protestant church hasn't already doe just that. and Satan is a master at confusing the people minds concerning Scripture. He even tried to do it with Jesus Christ himself. But notice what Jesus always replied when Satan misquoted the Scripture. Jesus said, "it is also written."

9 Because we are taught in Scripture that we must rightly divide the word of truth. So when men come to you and say, brother Branham is confusing, it is because they are not rightly dividing the truth of what he is saying.

10 As brother Vayle said, these people who say brother Branham is confusing, he's only confusing to those whose minds are all muddy to begin with. If you come to this Word with a confused mind, you will go away with a confused mind. Because the Word of God can not be rightly divided by just anybody. It can only be rightly divided by those who are full of the Holy Ghost.

11 Paul said in 1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit:

12 So if you do not have His Spirit the Word will never be understandable to you. You will not be able to rightly divide the Word. Then Paul says, ...

13 "For the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God knows.

14 So Paul makes it quite plain that unless you have the Spirit of God, you will never know the things of God. And then he says,

15 12 Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but we have received the spirit which is of God; (in order that) that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

16 So he is quite clear that only one who has received the Holy Spirit can indeed know and thus understand the things of God. Then he says in verse...

17 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Ghost teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

18 Now, if you are going to compare spiritual things with spiritual, and the root of spiritual is spirit, then you will also have to compare spirit with spirit as the Apostle John commands us to do as we will see in just a moment. But let me finish here and then we will see what John says on this matter.

19 Verse 14 But the natural man (that is the man that is not born again of the spirit of God, he's just a carnal believer, not a spirit filled believer) the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, (in other words it is impossible for someone who is not born again to know and thus understand the things of God.) because they are spiritually discerned.

20 And if they are Spiritually discerned, then they are spirit discerned, for spirit is the root of spiritual. So there is no discernment of spiritual things without having the Spirit to do it.

21 15 But he that is spiritual (he that is Spirit filled) judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. And we have the mind of Christ if indeed we are filled with the Spirit of Christ.

22 As I mentioned the Apostle John said "try every spirit to see whether it is even in The Faith."

23 That's what he said in 1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God :

24 Brother Branham said in his sermon, Discernment of spirit 60-0308 P:8 We have an order from God, is for the discerning of spirit, trying the spirit. I believe that that is a very great lesson for the church today, is to try the spirit of anything, have discernment of the spirit. I do not think that we should ever, by any means, ever try to judge a person by the denomination they belong to, or by the group that they are assembled with...

25 And there has been too much of that in this Message. Notice the command is to try the spirit, see what motivates that person, what their objectives are. Don't judge the man by what group he associates with, but by what he says, and the motive behind what he says.

26 Brother Branham never told us of all those supernatural events to get people to look to him. He told us those things to get us to believe that with God all things are possible. That's true discernment when you look at the motives and objectives and line up with what they say and do with the motives and objectives you discern in their spirit. But only those who have the holy Ghost can rightly divide the Word of truth, and when the truth has been presented to anyone and they turn it down, God will place their ear to an awl and pierce it, and they will never again be able to hear the truth. And if faith cometh by hearing and you can not hear then where are you at my brothers and sisters?

27 Hebrews 10:26 For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, **27** But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. **28** He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:**29** Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

28 Now, that means if you come into this Message, and sit under it and you hear the Word of God tell you what is right and what is wrong, and you willfully choose to snub your nose at the truth, then God cuts you off because you have stepped across the line willfully into sin, and from that point on God will close your ears to the truth. And you will no longer accept true Revelation. This is exactly what brother Branham says in the next few quotes I am going to read to you.

29 From his sermon, Abraham's Grace Covenant - 61-0317 And Hebrews (now watch), Hebrews the tenth chapter said, "If we sin willfully..." Now, what is sin, brethren? Unbelief. "He that believeth not is condemned already." You commit adultery. Why? Because you're an unbeliever. You steal, you lie, cheat. Why? Because you're an unbeliever. That's right. A real true believer doesn't do that. See? He doesn't do it, because the Holy Spirit in him... if he happens to even make a mistake... the Bible said also, "And the worshiper, once purged, has no more conscious of sin." "He that's born of God does not commit sin..." is not an unbeliever, he's a believer. The Spirit of God remains in you cannot sin. You can't be a believer and an unbeliever at the same time. You're either a believer or not a believer. Now, listen to Scripture. The man or woman that comes to a fact of the Bible, comes up against the Scriptural doctrine... Ministers, whoever you are, I say this with Godly love, and you see it, and know it is the truth, and turn away from it, "there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin, but a fearful looking for the judgment, the fiery indignation which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses law..." Now, that is what God's vindicated prophet of God said.

30 Too much Grace has been turned into disgrace even in this Message. I hear it all the time, They say, "if God can't forgive that sin what can he forgive". You've probably heard that too. But the same God who said "they who sin willfully after they have come to the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sin". That mean's once you've come to the knowledge of the truth and then continue to live in that sin, or pull your business deals, or lie, or cheat, or steal, or take another man's wife, when you know to do better and you don't do it, there is no more sacrifice for that sin. You've crossed the line, and will never be forgiven.

40 Abraham's grace covenant - 61-0317 But then, then he committed that same crime again, before that cleansing in the sanctuary, and he was recorded of committing adultery the second time, under two or three witnesses that proved that saw him done it, he was stoned without mercy. No matter if he was a preacher, he was the mayor of the city, who he was, he died without mercy. Hebrews... Looking at it! Hebrews, 10th chapter. ... died without mercy under two or three witnesses. Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye,... (Now watch... though)... worthy... (being a minister, whoever he might be, professing the Holy Ghost)... who has trod under foot the Son of God, and considered the blood of... Jesus Christ... as a unholy thing. How much more punishment when you put your hands on the feet of the Lord Jesus, and feel the pains and things that He died for you, and confess Him as your Savior, it isn't an animal life there; neither was it a man's life; it was God's life. And that Spirit that was in Him, comes back upon you, and makes you a son of God. And if you walk up to face these facts... See? "For if we disbelieve willfully, any Scriptural thing or whatever it might be, if we disbelieve willfully, say, "I..." What did they say? "We can't take it. They're too big for us. We can't..." "If I have to step out my organization... If I accept that, they'll turn me out. I won't have any place to go. Nobody will back me up." 13. Who wrote the Bible, your organization? Who's responsible for the Word, your organization? God's responsible for His Word. God will take care of His own. God will back you up. Any man that ever amounted to very much in this life, were man who stood alone with God. That's the way, if you ever stand, you'll have to stand. Now, you walk up and say... Like here... like you'd be a Methodist, and you walk up and said, "The baptism of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost... ", and you see that that's true: how the power of God fell upon those people, and you say, "I know that's the truth, but if I accept it, they will turn me out the organization." They will. They sure will. Now, you've got to make a choice. You know it's the truth. Now see, he that disbelieves willfully, after he's received the knowledge of the truth, (disbelief, turns away from that) there remains no more sacrifice for unbelief. You're finished and washed up forever. That's right. And a Pentecostal that'll walk up to that same place... Them were prepentecostals. And they had the promise to take the land, every blessing God had promised. God gave it to them, but because the opposition was so great, they turned back and lived in the wilderness for forty years, instead of facing the fact. 14. That's the same thing that Paul's speaking about here in the Hebrews 10. Do you understand now? Now, that's Scripture, my brethren. And when a man turns his back upon truth, and walks away from it willfully, after he sees it's the truth, then he's a finished product with God. That's right, for there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin, but a fearful looking for the judgment and the fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversary.

41 You see, Paul also said in 1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

42 QA on Genesis COD 53-0729 P:76 He said, "Brother Branham, what do you think about Pentecostals?" And I said, "That's the reason I'm dealing with them. That's the reason I'm fooling with them; they got something that you haven't got." I said, "With their fanaticism and everything, they got a truth that you know nothing about." I was talking to one of the greatest men in America right then. Yes, sir. He's the president of Sudan Missions, is the greatest in all the world: fundamental to the core. He knowed the Scriptures, and the death, burial and resurrection, just preach it like a house on fire. That ain't It. The Devil can do that too. The Devil's just as fundamental as he can be. But brother, Jesus Christ said, "Except a man be borned of the Spirit of God he'll not see the Kingdom of God." Not just because you say, "Yes, I believe that. Yeah, I believe that's that way. I believe that. Yes." That don't do it. It's got to be a actual experience of the new birth. Its got to be something between you and God that you know you've passed from death to Life.

43 Token the 64-0308 P:41 If you disbelieve any of that Word, there's something wrong with your experience. See? You come right up to the Land and see it's there. You see that Jesus has raised. He's among us. You hear the Word that follows the message, and still don't believe It, you know what happens? Then they died right in the wilderness."If we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the Truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin." That's what the Book of Hebrews tells us.

44 How can I overcome 63-0825M P:27 And then, now you take a Christian that's supposed to be a Christian, let the Life of God go from him and the experience the joy of serving Christ, and living in the church where such is going on, he rots twice as quick (See? Right.), living right under it. So if we are trying to follow the Message of the hour, or at least this part of the Message, we should live constantly in the Life of Christ. See? 'Cause if it don't, you lay around, and know that these things that you're supposed to do and don't do it, the Bible said, "He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it's sin." And he becomes doty, rotten when you're separated from the Life of God. So strive with all that's in you to stay in the Life of Christ, that you'd be fruit-bearing.

45 Queen of the south 58-0613 P:46 That was before--not the water--the fire. And this is the last message before the fire. Sodom will burn. And God will be innocent, because He sent His Angel, His Spirit, the Holy Spirit, and people has turned It down, flatly, because of intellectual conceptions of the Gospel instead of a born again experience. How can you see God 'less God's in you? How can you get blood out of a turnip? There's no blood in it. Same way you can't get a believer unless God's in there to make him a believer. It has to be, not a intellectual, but an experience in the heart.

46 Time tested faith 58-0530 P:18 If the church would put more faith to work, you'd see more things taken place in the church. The pastor might stand on Sunday morning. He might stand on Sunday evening or whenever, and preach hard on faith, in a mighty message, but if the members don't take that message and then start putting it to work, it'll fall right back, and the birds of the air will pick it up. See, see? Just take it out and put it to work. God wants you to do it. Now, faith, always an experience accompanies faith.

47 Law 55-0115 P:29 Now, if this is presented to you... Now, look. "For it is impossible (See?) for those who were once enlightened, made partakers of the Holy Ghost, to fall away again. For if we sin (disbelieve) willfully..." Let it soak. "If we disbelieve willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin." If the truth of the Gospel has been presented to you in such a way that you have to see it, and because of popularity, or something else, that you turn your back to it and walk away and don't want to see it, there's where you cross the line. "For he that disbelieves willfully after he has received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins."

48 Token the 64-0208 P:28 We read over here in Hebrews the 10th chapter, 26th verse, "If we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin, but a fearful, dreadful, looking for the fiery judgments which will devour the adversary." That is, if we disbelieve willfully after we have a knowledge of the truth, there is no more sacrifice for sin. Think of it. No matter what you're thinking in your heart, the Token can never be applied. If you reject it the last time, then it cannot be applied, for he that sins or disbelieves willfully.

49 What shall we do with Jesus 64-0126 P:65 Listen, Hebrews 10 says this, "If we sin willfully (disbelieve willfully) after we received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin." If you sin willfully after It's has been identified to you, and then you turn It down, you are absolutely no chance of ever repenting.

50 God's power to transform 65-0911 P:87 For if we sin willfully after that we... received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and the fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversary. That's THUS SAITH GOD'S HOLY WORD. If we disbelieve willfully after we have seen It and heard It, then we\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\re across the line. There'll never be no more forgiveness for it; you've crossed the line." Oh," you say, "God still blesses me." Oh, yeah.

51 Inter veil 56-0121 P:46 Death means separate. And if you sin, disbelieve willfully, after Gospel's been presented to you, that soul nature of yours will gradually move away from you, and you'll feel it no more, just

drawn away. You won't know it.

52 Let us pray...