#148 Christian Life no 28 Harmony between Christ and His Bride

1 Let us stand to our feet and open our Bibles to Isaiah 55:11 and read it for our text.

2 "So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

3 Let us pray...

4 Now, keep this Scripture in mind as we are going to continue with our study from brother Branham's sermon, Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed, and we are going to read from pp. 239 "He, the Head, is the First-fruits of the resurrection. (We'll go off this revelation. Just a little while longer, if you say so. All right, all right; just a little bit now.) He is the First-fruits of the resurrection. Is that right? What? Then what is He? He's the Head of the Body, which is His Church, Bride. Uh-huh. Then the Bride-body must follow the Head, for it is part of His resurrection and part of the mystery. It's impossible for it not to go. Oh, my. It's part of God's mystery. How God revealed Himself here and raised it up by the Word, so He reveals the Church and raises it up by the same Word. It's a part of His threefold mystery.

5 240 As the Head was took from the grave, so must the Body follow Him back to Eden. Where the Head of the family, the Man, the Bridegroom--the Bride being the Body of the Bridegroom must follow, the Bride, because that's the Head. And the Head's revealed and come back with Eternal Life; and the Body must follow that, because it is Husband and Wife again. Amen. And as long as you're pregnated with the same Word, which is His Body, you took His Body, become in Him when you took the Word--not the creed, the Word... (Oh, my. Wouldn't that make a text for this afternoon to go on? Huh? My, wouldn't that be wonderful? See? Just think of it now, what it is.) Therefore, the Body cannot recognize... (Don't you fail this.) The Body, therefore, cannot recognize any other headship but the Word, 'cause the Head is connected with the Body. And the Head is the Word, and it's the same Word: one Headship. Therefore, denominations, and holy fathers, and everything else is dead done. There's one Headship; that's Christ. The Body only recognizes one thing: the Word.

6 There is only one theme that brother Branham is bringing out here this morning and that is this. There's one Headship; that's Christ. The Body only recognizes one thing: the Word. Now, the Word he is talking about isn't man's word, but God's Word.

7 Jesus himself said, "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that departs out of the Mouth of God." Therefore, it all boils down to one thing. Does the Word of God have preeminence in your life or does it not. Are you still dependent on what someone else opinion is, or are you only interested in what God's Word tells you.

8 God Himself said in Romans 3:4 let God be true, but every man a liar; saith the Lord. So if God Himself said let every man's Word be a lie, then you have a right to not believe any one except God's very own Word.

9 But notice Jesus also said in Luke 4:4, And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, " That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God." Notice that he let's us know that God's Word comes to us via God's mouth. And we see Jesus even more definitive in Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

10 Notice in Luke he says by every Word of God, but in Matthew 4 he says, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

11 So where does the Word of God come from? He says, "that proceeds out of the mouth of God."

12 So the Word of God come forth from the mouth of God. You can't get around that. Then even the written Word came forth by the conduit of God's Mouth.

13 And Luke tells us that the mouth of God is His prophets. It is not the five fold ministry. It is not the Teacher. It is not the Pastor. It is not the Evangelist. It is not the five fold Prophet. It is not the Apostle. It tells us the mouth of God is His prophets. period.

14 Luke 1:70 As He (God has) spoken by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

15 So he tells us if you want to trace how God has spoken to man you can trace it all the way back to the beginning and you will find it has been through prophets.

16 Acts 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

17 Now, the instructions God left us with concerning how He will use his prophets, comes to us in Deuteronomy 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; (In other words, you had better listen to this guy.)

18 16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

19 So when God had spoken to Israel directly, they were so scared they asked god to choose out a man, and speak through that man and they would listen. So God said, "ok, that's the way it will be."

20 17 And the LORD said unto me, "They have well spoken that which they have spoken". 18 "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. 19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

21 In other words you are going to have to answer to God for not listening to the One He places His Word in their mouth.

22 20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

23 Now, that's a pretty tough thing to hear. Because he is telling the people they will have to kill the false prophets who speak what God has not told them to speak.

24 21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? 22 When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

25 So it all boils down to whether the things spoken comes to pass. In other words, not mere words, but a living Word that must manifest after it has been spoken. If there is no manifestation after that word has gone forth then God never told the man to say it. So that throws out theology altogether. That throws out about 99.9% of all that is taught in the pulpits across America and the entire world. Did you know that. Unless that five fold minister is echoing what a vindicated prophet said, you don't have to hear him, period.

26 We hear the prophet Jeremiah tell us this very thing in the name of the Lord according to Jeremiah 23:16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, (So who is talking here? Jeremiah? or the Lord of Hosts? Thus saith the LORD of hosts And what is the Message?) Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.

27 Notice Jeremiah tells the people that these false prophets will make you vain, and the dictionary definition of the word vain means they will make you to where you are not producing a desired result.

28 Are you getting it? in other words, "marked by futility or ineffectualness". In other words, the words of that prophet will not produce anything in you because there is no Life in those words, because they are not the Words of God.

29 So then what does come out of their mouths if God did not send these men?

30 2 Chronicles 18:19 And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner. 20 Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? 21 And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. (Notice, not a lying spirit in the mouth of God's prophets, but Ahab's prophets.) And the LORD said, Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do even so. 22 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.

31 Now we find the same story told in the Book of Kings, so let's pick up on it in

32 1 Kings 22:13 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.

33 1 Kings 22:22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. 23 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

34 I would like to read again from Jeremiah 23:15-40 from the NIV Therefore, this is what the LORD Almighty says concerning the prophets: "I will make them eat bitter food and drink poisoned water, because from the prophets of Jerusalem ungodliness has spread throughout the land." 16 This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. 17 They keep saying to those who despise me, 'The LORD says: You will have peace.' And to all who follow the stubbornness of their hearts they say, 'No harm will come to you.' 18 But which of them has stood in the council of the LORD to see or to hear his Word? Who has listened and heard his word? 19 See, the storm of the LORD will burst out in wrath, a whirlwind swirling down on the heads of the wicked. 20 The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he fully accomplishes the purposes of his heart. In days to come you will understand it clearly.

35 And how is that? Because God will interpret His Own Word by bringing it to pass.

36 21 I did not send these prophets, yet they have run with their message; I did not speak to them, yet they have prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in my council, they would have proclaimed my words to my people and would have turned them from their evil ways and from their evil deeds.

37 In other words, if they had heard God's word and echoed God's Word it would have had a result on the people. But there is no manifestation as a result of what they preach because they are only preaching their own deluded theology and they are not echoing God's Living Word which will not return to Him void.

38 23 "Am I only a God nearby," declares the LORD , "and not a God far away? 24 Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?" declares the LORD . "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD .

39 Look, those people who want to fornicate? Do you think you are doing it so that no one will be watching you? Do you not know that it is being recorded and will be played back one day for all to see? The man who has been married two or three times, does he not stop to consider that God watches every move and knows every motive and objective in his heart as well.

40 What is wrong with people who can claim to believe the judge is here and yet think the judge will not judge them when they disobey God's Word? I will tell you the difference between a righteous preacher and an unrighteous preacher. When you listen to a righteous preacher who correctly echoes God's Words, you can feel the heat of the fire of God, but when you hear the words of an unrighteous preacher you feel nothing, and therefore you change nothing. You just continue on as though all things continue.

41 Then God says, 25 "I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, 'I had a dream! I had a dream!' 26 How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? 27 They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their fathers forgot my name through Baal worship. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD . 29 "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD , "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

42 You see, what I said earlier? God's Word is like a fire, and it cuts and it cleans down to the very thoughts and intentions of the heart. And if you are listening to someone who calls himself a preacher and brings no Fiery Word that cuts and cleans, I'll tell you one thing, that man is not called by God, he's called by the people to tell them what their itching ears want to hear.

43 30 "Therefore," declares the LORD, "I am against the prophets who steal from one another words supposedly from me.

44 Now, look at what he is saying here. If it is not in the written Word of God it didn't come from God. You hear men all the time quoting some five fold minister saying, brother so and so the great apostle said this, or brother so and so the great evangelist said this or brother so and so said the great teacher said this. But God said, " I am against those prophets (those preachers) who steal words from one another, words which supposedly came from me."

45 And this Word supposedly implies that these men are trying to get you to think when they quote some other minister that those words are from God, when they are nothing more than that man's opinion unless they are either Scripture or the Words of a vindicated prophet. Therefore what does it matter who the man is if He hasn't come with Thus Saith the Lord.

46 That is why you don't find me saying this brother said this and this brother said that. Because it matters not with God what any brother says, if it didn't come via the channel of God's own mouth, which is his prophet.

47 31 Yes," declares the LORD , "I am against the prophets (the preachers) who wag their own tongues and yet declare, 'The LORD declares.' 32 Indeed, I am against those who prophesy false dreams," declares the LORD . "They tell them and lead my people astray with their reckless lies, yet I did not send or appoint them. They do not benefit these people in the least," declares the LORD . False Oracles and False Prophets 33 "When these people, or a prophet or a priest, ask you, 'What is the oracle of the LORD ?' say to them, 'What oracle?I will forsake you, declares the LORD.'

48 In other Words, if you do not understand the conduit that God uses, God says I will forsake you. I will leave you in your dust.

49 34 If a prophet or a priest or anyone else claims, 'This is the Message of the LORD ,' I will punish that man and his household. 35 This is what each of you keeps on saying to his friend or relative: 'What is the LORD's answer?' or 'What has the LORD spoken?' 36 But you must not mention 'the Message of the LORD ' again, because every man's own word becomes his own Message and so you distort the words of the living God, the LORD Almighty, our God. 37 This is what you keep saying to a prophet: 'What is the LORD's answer to you?' or 'What has the LORD spoken?' 38 Although you claim, 'This is the Message of the LORD ,' this is what the LORD says: You used the words, 'This is the Message of the LORD ,' even though I told you that you must not claim, 'This is the Message of the LORD .' 39 Therefore, I will surely forget you and cast you out of my presence along with the city I gave to you and your fathers. 40 I will bring upon you everlasting disgrace-everlasting shame that will not be forgotten."

50 Let me read this from the translation called The Message.

51 THE MESSAGE 34 "And if anyone, including prophets and priests, goes around saying glibly `GOD´s Message! GOD´s Message!´ I´ll punish him and his family. 35-36 "Instead of claiming to know what GOD says, ask questions of one another, such as `How do we understand GOD in this?´ But don´t go around pretending to know it all, saying `God told me this . . . God told me that. . . .´ I don´t want to hear it anymore. Only the person I authorize speaks for me. Otherwise, my Message gets twisted, the Message of the living GOD. 37-38 "You can ask the prophets, `How did GOD answer you? What did he tell you?´ But don´t pretend that you know all the answers yourselves and talk like you know it all. I´m telling you: Quit the `God told me this . . . God told me that . . .´ kind of talk. 39-40 "Are you paying attention? You´d better, because I´m about to take you in hand and throw you to the ground, you and this entire city that I gave to your ancestors. I´ve had it with the lot of you. You´re never going to live this down. You´re going down in history as a disgrace."

52 Now, that's pretty tough love if you ask me. But that is what God wants. God don't care if you know this brother or that brother. God don't care how many hours you talked to this brother or that brother. Do you know Him. That is what it all comes down to. Do you know Him in the power of His resurrection?

53 There's too many superstitious people posing as believers in this Message. Men still rubbing a rabbits foot, rubbing it for luck. Men claiming to be believers and running to this brother or that brother hoping to get the answer they are looking for. What's the difference if you use a wiji board or you use a preacher to get the answer you're looking for. Brother Branham said, "The Body, the Bride, only recognizes one thing: and that's the Word."

54 Isn't that what brother Branham told us the condition that the bride will be in at the very end?

55 From his sermon, The Spoken word is the Original Seed 62-0318E P:175 brother Branham said, "Notice,

what harmony. Jesus never did anything until seen of the Father or the Father showed Him first: (Harmony between God and Christ. See? John 5:19) So will the Bride, and He shows Her His Word of Life (He shows Her), and she receives It. She never doubts it. Nothing can harm Her, not even death; for if the Seed be planted, the water will raise it up again. Amen. (Now, I got a great big "Hallelujah.") Here is the secret: the Word is in the Bride and the mind of Christ to know what He wants done with the Word, and She does it in His Name. She has THUS SAITH THE LORD. Then it is germitized; so the Holy Spirit waters it until it is grown and serves its purpose. They do only His will. (Amen. I'll believe that.) No one can persuade them different. They have THUS SAITH THE LORD, or they keep still. Then they will do the works of God. For it is Himself in them, continuing His Word to fulfill as He did complete in His day. All things when He was here, He did not complete all when He was here, for it was not time yet."

56 Now, whose words are those that we just read? If you say William Branham, then I will have to ask you another question, "who was William Branham". If you say "God's vindicated prophet" you are correct. Then I must ask, "what is a Vindicated prophet?" and the answer is "The Mouth of God". Then let me ask the first question again. Whose Words are these that I just read to you? And the correct answer is they are God's Words. Then if they are God's Words, they will have to produce just exactly what he said they would produce, is that not right? Then expect it, and it's yours.

57 Now, let me read again the Words spoken by God to the bride in this hour.

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60 Let's bow our heads in a word of prayer.