

#177 Understanding Infallibility

1 This evening we will examine the last three paragraphs of this wonderful Message called Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed and we will begin with pp. 304 "Not knowing (of course, being spiritual, you watch spiritual things)--not knowing this, God knows it. But if you'll turn and look at the clock, it's on the dot 2 o'clock: the end of the Second Pull, the Third Pull is at hand. At the name of Jesus bowing, Falling prostrate at His feet, King of kings in heaven we'll crown Him, When our journey is complete. Precious name... (Second Pull has been made manifested.) Hope of earth and joy of heaven; Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

2 Noticed Brother Branham is speaking of the Second pull, which we know was the Sign of Messiah. And he said it has been thoroughly made manifest to us, and then he says the third pull is at hand. Now, before we speak concerning this Third pull, I would like to continue reading and make some other comments before we examine the Third pull.

3 305 Did you notice the Spirit take the same song and picked it up an octave higher like that? The next Pull is at hand. Amen. Take the name of Jesus with you, (It's later than you think)... sorrow and of woe; It will joy and comfort give you, Oh, take it everywhere you go. Precious name, (precious Name) O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven; Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven. Now, if temptations come, what do you do? Take the name of Jesus with you, As a shield from every snare; When temptations (Something make you disbelieve now) gather, (Just remember.) Breathe that holy name in prayer. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven; Precious name, (precious Name) O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

4 306 Let us bow our heads now, everybody, reverently...?...At the name of Jesus bowing... Now, if you understand, the Spirit of the Lord dropped in the meeting upon unknown languages (speaking it to a man not knowing, to interpret it by another man not knowing) the Word of the Lord. You remember when the enemy was coming up and they didn't know what they would do? The Spirit of the Lord fell upon a man and revealed what was to be done. Oh, my. Just bow our heads now, humbly. God bless you. Till we meet, till we meet, Until we meet at Jesus' feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

5 Notice that brother Branham looked at even the smallest of things as being from the Lord.

6 I think I could guarantee you that if I had said what he did concerning the time on the clock I would never have hear the end of it. It seems people have a different standard depending on who is doing the talking. And that is what is called being a respector of persons.

7 It reminds me of a situation that took place about 25 years ago when this particular sister who liked to go from church to church, came to our church one time and commented after the service that I use too many Bibles when I preach, and I should use only the King James Version Bible.

Well, I knew where she was getting this influence from, so I said "Sister, show me that in Brother Branham's Message! You can't." I said, "He used many versions besides the King James version to make a point. Let me list them for you:

- 8** 1) King James version
2) Lamsa translation,
3) The Emphatic Diaglott which the Jehovah Witnesses use,
4) The Revised Version,
5) Moffatt's Translation,
6) The Greek and Hebrew Lexicon,
7) Bible Commentaries,
8) The Douay Rheims Translation which is Catholic,
9) Scofield's notes,
10) Thompson Chain Reference Bible,
11) Standard Version,
12) Vatican Translation,
13) And he even quotes from the Zwingli Bible although he disagreed with one of their translations.

9 So let's get one thing straight, God is the only one that is infallible and I have yet to meet one five fold minister, or one translator who is.

10 And even when brother Branham would speak in terms of "Thus saith the Lord", he never claimed those words were from him. He would say I have to listen to the sermon afterwards "to know what He said".

11 But this doctrine of infallibility assigned to the King James Version was propagated by certain preachers during the 1970's and 1980's. I used to hear them on the Dayton Christian radio station mostly from the Salem Bible Book Store and whatever church they were associated with at the time.

12 These preachers believed the King James Version is the only Bible authorized by God. In essence they believed in the infallibility of the translators hired by King James in 1611.

13 That would place them on par with God's prophet's who wrote the Word as God Himself dictated to them word by word. And yet there is not one prophet who was infallible, God is the only one that is infallible, no man is infallible. And I can say that because a vindicated prophet said that.

14 I know there are certain people who want to believe that brother Vayle was infallible, but I don't know where they come up with that being brother Vayle said just the opposite.

15 I'll read you several quotes from brother Vayle himself just to show you what he himself said about himself.

16 In his sermon, Fulfillment Of God #1 God's Consummate Plan: Ultimate Communication P:32 I'm not infallible, but I study an infallible prophet.

17 And he also said in the same paragraph "I don't believe it as I ought to believe it; I don't believe it as I'm going to believe it; but I believe it."

18 Brother Vayle also said in his sermon Godhead #11 P:77 Don't ask me. I'm not infallible.

So much for those who claim brother Vayle was infallible. They don't even believe what he himself said concerning his own ministry.

19 I think this misunderstanding these brethren have is because they never took the time to look up the

definition of what infallible is. 1)not capable of being wrong or making mistakes : not fallible, 2) incapable of error, 3) incapable of error in defining doctrines touching faith or morals

20 Then, one that is infallible has to be omniscient, and there is no one including the son of God who was omniscient. God Alone is omniscient.

21 Brother Vayle also said in his sermon, The Unchanging Principles Of Faith P:22 Is this tape on? Well, you can turn it off right here. I am going to tell you something. You've got the tape turned off? I don't want it on, because I can make mistakes when I say things. This is for your ears,...

22 And again from his sermon, Godhead Questions and Answers #3 P:91 brother Vayle said, "I'm not William Branham. I'm just talking, and I can make mistakes."

23 Now, how many quotes do I need from Brother Vayle to let people know that he never tried to make himself on the same level with a vindicated prophet, because he was not vindicated, he was a man who had a gift to teach.

24 Now, does that mean that I believe br. Vayle made a bunch of mistakes? No, not at all.

25 But he just was a man, with a gift to teach. And he could just as easily make a mistake as any other man. And that is why he had to stay with the vindicated teaching of br. Branham, because Br. Branham was vindicated and what he taught was backed up with "Thus Saith the Lord".

26 And for you that don't know what that means, it means he didn't come with his own thoughts concerning the Scriptures, He came with God's thoughts and God's words concerning the doctrine.

27 Brother Vayle preached perhaps 85% of the time pointing to the Vindicated Doctrine that William Branham taught. He pointed us to that man and His Message. Brother Vayle did not have his own Message. Brother Vayle stayed with what William Branham taught. And as long as he stayed with what a vindicated prophet said, then you don't have to worry.

28 But for these men to claim such things as "only those who listen to Lee Vayle's tapes will make the rapture," or any other people who claim you have to listen to their preacher to make it, all I can say is grow up and become a man.

29 Br. vayle said he fought that spirit his entire ministry, and brother Branham had to fight that as well as the Apostle Paul.

30 Listen to what the Apostle Paul said in his letter to the Corinthians.

31 1 Corinthians 1:12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. 13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

32 1 Corinthians 3: 1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? 4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? 5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord

gave to every man? 6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. 8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. 9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

33 Then the Apostle sums it all up at the end of chapter 3 by saying in verse 21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; 22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; 23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

34 Brother Branham who is the only one in this generation that came forth with "Thus Saith the Lord" and he did so literally thousands of times, and never did it fall tot he ground said in his sermon, E-16 Expectations 50-0405 But the only person that has a right to say, THUS SAITH THE LORD, is an a vindicated prophet. You never seen anybody judging Isaiah, or Jeremiah, or those people. They were prophets, foreordained and borned in the world to be prophets. And they foresaw the thing by a vision, and then said, "THUS SAITH THE LORD," for the Lord had already said it. So what the Church needs today, is a good old fashion teaching of the Gospel. That's right. To know where they... I don't mean just educated teaching; I mean spiritual teaching. Some people speaks about God, and knows nothing of Him.

35 In his sermon, Standing in the gap 63-0623M P:97 Brother Branham himself said "But, you see, even the great Saint Paul got between the straits one time. And many times that God has did things or let His servants do it, that was mistakes, in order to prove these things. Now, we know that human beings can make mistakes, but God can make no mistake."

36 So show me one prophet outside of Jesus Christ that was perfect, or never made any mistakes in their life, in their actions, or things they did, and I will show you a man who did not need the blood of Jesus Christ. Now, I am not talking about the "thus Saith the Lord" they brought, I am talking about the men themselves. They all needed the blood of Jesus Christ to wash away their sin and sin is unbelief.

37 And let's face it, when they came with thus saith the Lord it wasn't them anyway, they were only echoing what they heard God say..

38 Many people today, more than 2 million to be more accurate, claim to be believers in the Message of the Hour, and they call themselves Message Believers, but I wonder just how many of them even know what it means to be a Christian.

39 I am sure you all remember when brother Branham went to a hospital to pray for a woman, and there was a person in the other bed in that hospital room. When brother Branham told that person he was going to pray for this lady, the other woman said "shut that curtain". Then he said, are you a Christian, and she said, "I am a Methodist". And I wonder today how many people refer to themselves as Message believers, instead of as Christians?

40 So let me ask you the same question Br. Branham asked that women in the hospital?

41 "Are you a Message believer or are you a Christian?" And I'm afraid many young people in this Message really have no understanding what it means to be a Christian.

42 They are so filled with quotes, and they can tell you everything about the man William Branham, but do they even know Jesus Christ in the power of Hi resurrection?

43 Do they even have a personal relationship with Him? Have they ever had a genuine back side of the desert experience where they have met Christ face to face, and they got to know Him even as they are known? I am afraid without that my brothers and sisters you are just Message people, and you are not yet a Christian.

44 Even brother Branham said in his sermon, a Guide 62-1014E P:65 "He can't change from it; He's God. I can change; I'm a man. You can change; you're a man or woman. But God cannot change. I'm finite; I can make mistakes and say things wrong; all of us can. But God can't and be God. His first decision is perfect. The way God acts on the scene, that's the way He's got to act every time. If He's called on the scene to save a sinner, He saves him on the basis of one thing. The next time a sinner comes, He's got to act the same way, or He acted wrong when He acted the first time.

45 Notice he said "all of us can make mistakes and say things wrong," but we have some who follow certain ministries in this Message and they would never be honest enough to accept this statement from God's prophet because they are too insecure in their own relationship with God so they have to have some man to hold onto to make them feel like since they knew this person, that means they will make it too.

46 And what Gospel did you get that from? Show me chapter and verse? But instead of developing their own relationship with God, they try to go in on the coat tails of someone who did have a relationship with God. But God doesn't have grandchildren, just children. And you can't go in on William Branham's faith nor Lee Vayle's faith. You've got to have the same faith they had.

47 Brother Branham said in his sermon, Spoken Word Original Seed 62-0318E P:195 "And remember, Christian friends, I'm a man; I can make mistakes, but God, being God, cannot make a mistake. All the Words that's been written must be fulfilled; Jesus said so.

48 And from his sermon, The Second seal the 63-0319 P:57 "Well, if God acted like that the first time, He's got to act like that the second time. He's got to act like that every time, or He acted wrong the first time. See, we as mortals, we can make mistakes. God can't. God's first decision is perfect. And the way He chose to do things, there can't be no other better way. He can't improve on it, because it's perfect to begin with. If it isn't, then He isn't infinite. And if He's infinite, then He is omniscient. And if He is omniscient, then He's omnipotent. Amen. He's got to be that to be God. See? So He... You can't say, "He learned more." He didn't learn more; He's the very fountain of all wisdom. See?

49 Now, I hope that you can understand the difference between the man, and the "Thus Saith the Lord" that come through the man. When a prophet comes with "Thus Saith the Lord," that is not the man who is speaking, that is God who is speaking. Because "Thus saith the Lord," means "the Lord has said thus." And therefore what follows is not a man's opinion, but God's opinion.

50 As brother Branham said in his sermon, Anointed ones at end time 65-0725M P:193 Now, I want you to know this is sure. And you that listen to this tape, you might have thought today that I was trying to say that about myself, being that I was packing this Message. I have no more to do with it than nothing, no more than just a voice. And my voice, even against my better judgment... I wanted to be a trapper. But it's the will of my Father that I declare to do, and determined to do. I wasn't the One that appeared down on the river; I was only standing there when He appeared. I'm not the One that performs these things and foretells these things that happens as perfect as they are; I'm only one that's near when He does it. I was only a voice that He used to say it. It wasn't what I knew; it's what I just surrendered myself to, that He spoke through. It isn't me. It wasn't the seventh angel, oh, no; it was a manifestation of the Son of man. It wasn't the angel, his Message; it was the mystery that God unfolded. It's not a man; it's God. The angel was not the Son of man; he was a messenger from the Son of man. The Son of man is Christ. He's the One that you're feeding on. You're not feeding on a man. A man, his words

will fail, but you're feeding on the unfailing Body-Word of the Son of man. If you haven't fed fully on every Word to give yourself strength to fly above all these denominations and things of the world, will you at this time do it, while we pray?

51 Even Jesus Himself said, "Father, my will is that you take this cup from me, but nevertheless, not my will but thy will be done." His own will was not infallible. If he would have done his own will you and I would still be lost in our sin. But he died to self, and so did William Branham, and so must every child of God if he wants to be used by God.

52 I remember years ago, I believe it was at the Columbus meetings in 1982, that brother Vayle preached a message and made the statement, "no prophet no God, no God no prophet". Now, that statement has stayed in my mind for the past 20 years, because the presence of God spells out One thing for sure, and that is "Vindication". He comes to vindicate.

53 Now the critics will criticize brother Branham on his doctrine, but none of them have any vindication themselves. Therefore their truth is not Truth, but simply truth to them as they see it. But that doesn't make it so. But when God Himself comes along and backs up a man's words, then you know one thing, you're not dealing with a man, but you are now dealing with God Himself. Therefore what good does it do to even listen to what they have to say. It's simply their own opinion based on their own limited knowledge. But when a man comes with Thus Saith the Lord it is not his own opinion, but God's Opinion.

54 In 1 Thessalonians 5:21 we read, "Prove all thing, and hold fast to that which is good."

55 And so we see that God even gets to the place where people won't even take Him at His Own Word. Therefore, He is willing to go the extra step, and He does things to vindicate His Word by bringing it to pass. That's how God actually interprets His Own word, is by bringing it to pass. Look, even Jesus had trouble getting the people to believe that God had sent Him, and was with Him, doing those great and mighty miracles.

56 John 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. The vindication.

57 Numbers 14:2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! 3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt? 4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.

58 Now, we don't have time tonight to go into the entire chapter to show what happened to those people, but we know Jesus said they are everyone dead, and brother Branham said they are eternally separated from God. And if you notice the thing they feared the most came upon them, they everyone perished in the wilderness.

59 Jesus said in John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

60 177 HARVEST TIME 64-1212 Watch now as we hurry up through. "When the Spirit of Truth is come, He will teach you all things, whatever I taught you," oh, my, "bearing all remembrance to you, what I've said to you, bringing to you, all remembrance. And He will show you things to come. He will vindicate every Word, confirming the Word with signs following." Everything that He promised, that God promised in the Bible, if

you'll turn loose from every creed and everything else, and hold onto the Word, God is obligated to take care of His Word. And so when they did this, the Word vindicates Itself.

61 Hebrews 6:17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: 18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: 19 Which [hope] we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

62 31-5 This Day This Scripture 65-0219 if you preach anything and it's the Gospel Truth, then God's obligated to vindicate that.

63 101 Event Made Clear by prophecy 65-0801E when a man stands for what is Truth, then God's obligated to vindicate that man the truth.

64 Brother Branham used the term Vindication to explain: "God has a One man Message and He deals with One man only". But men do not like this, for they seem to want to have their own say as to how God is going to do things.

65 Who do you say This is? 64-1227 128 That one-man message, they didn't want it. No, they didn't want It. And God never did deal but with one person at a time. It's always a one-man message. When did ever He deal with the people, outside of just one person? It's an individual. It ain't a group.

66 Now, we have already read how God exacted punishment from those who doubted His Word through Moses. In the Book of Deuteronomy, we find God spelling out the same rules.

67 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; 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. 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. 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. 21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? 22 When a prophet speaketh 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.

68 Now, God set forth an order that has very strict consequences for those who will not adhere to it. He said, I will require it from you. You will pay for your unbelief. Notice the question came forth from God's own mouth. He said, how will you know what is right and what is not right? And then He tells us, the one that is not right will not be vindicated. I will not bring his words to pass, because they are not my words.

And we know God is very protective of His own Words.

69 189 Lord Just Once More 63-0628A The denominations will not take the a-vindication of the Word.

70 E-44 Contending for the Faith 55-0220E The Pharisees, very fundamental and orthodox, but failed to

understand the spiritual things, so they said He was a spiritualist, or a devil; that is a spiritualist. See? 'Cause they'd seen the phenomenal, and they failed to recognize it; because they were just lettered altogether: fundamental in doctrine, but nothing in a vindication. Amen. I hope you see it.

71 E-8 Separation from Unbelief 55-0228 And it's not my picture, brother, sister, His picture, isn't mine. And He's with the church, not just with me; He's with every Christian, everywhere. He knows It's Christ, same Pillar of Fire led the children of Israel. I believe with all my heart, He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. When He was there, He led them.

72 187 You Must be Born again 61-1231M When you're borned again, God vindicates you. That's how God vindicates all of His nature. What? By their fruits. That's the way He vindicates His ministry. That's right. All of His servants are vindicated the same way He vindicates nature. How do you know it's a peach tree? 'Cause it bring peaches. How do you know it's an apple tree? Bearing apples. How do you know it's a Christian? Christian signs bear from it; Christian life comes out of it. How do you know he's a teacher? The Word comes from him. How do you know he's a prophet? The Word comes through him, bears record, vindication. It proves itself. How does it become that? When it dies and becomes one. That's right. When we die and become a new creature in Christ Jesus, it gets us with our calling; we stay with our calling. The fruits of the Spirit follow us when we are His servants. When we are borned again, the fruits of Christ's Life follows us. That's right. How do you know it's a peach tree? It's got peaches. How do you know he's a Christian? He acts like Christ; he walks like Christ; he talks like Christ; he lives like Christ, above sin, victorious. What does he do, say, "See what I done"? Christ didn't do that. He gave all praise to the Father. That's right. That's how you know it. By their fruits you shall know them. What must... "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born again he cannot even understand the Kingdom of God."

73 108 If God Be With Us 61-1231E How can He be the same yesterday, today, and forever, and still Divine healing gone? How can the power, how can... The Bible set in order, "First apostles, prophets teachers, evangelists, pastors, for a vindication that the Gospel still lives." And God sends them right among us, and we turn our back on it. God doesn't fail, it's the people's failed. "Where is the miracles then among us? Where are they at?" God was talking to this man, getting him ready to go out.

74 Notice he said God vindicates his word and he uses the five offices to do it. Not the man is vindicated, it is God who vindicates His Word.

75 E-71 Presuming 62-0117 Yes, that's it. You're not presuming then. You know where you stand. That's right. Oh, don't presume about it. There's so many different ways. Just don't presume. But God has give an a-vindication of His promise. See? We don't have to presume about it. God's vindicated it.

76 let us pray