

#14 Organized Against the Word

1 What the Holy Ghost was Given for pp. 23 Now, in this age that we're now living, this age, it's beyond Pentecost. Pentecost has settled itself into organizations and started faking whole lot about organizations. "We are this, and we are that." That's just nature; you just can't help it. It's nature; they'll do that. It's the plan for them to do that.

2 And I hope I am not being too forthright when I say, that I think that many churches who claim to believe this message have also settled for organization instead of the living Word of God. I think now, more than ever we must understand and focus on the importance of having a vindicated Word and what it means to us in contradistinction to a non-vindicated Word that the church world professes.

If we examine the times and conditions of these last days we can see very clearly this is the time of the falling away from THE FAITH.

3 In 2 Timothy 4 we read that men are ordained to come to the place where they will not endure sound Doctrine anymore. And since the word "doctrine" means "teaching", and the word "sound" means "free of admixture", therefore the Scripture tells us that men will not endure sound teaching, teaching which is pure with the Word of God, and if they will not endure sound teaching which is free of the admixture, then they most certainly will not endure the teachers who are teaching sound doctrine. So we find they will no longer put up with or endure, or even tolerate the sound teachers. So then what sort of teachers will they have for themselves? Men who are reprobate concerning the Faith.

4 Then what will they do if they will not endure sound teachers? We are also told that they will heap to themselves other teachers that will say what their itching ears want to hear. Let's read it for ourselves.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 Amplified "For the time is coming when people will no longer tolerate sound and wholesome instruction, but having ears itching for something that is pleasing and gratifying, they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold, And will turn aside from hearing the Truth and they shall wander off into myths and man-made fictions.

We find then these self proclaimed teachers are in fact a bunch of politicians who will not teach the Truth, but will teach what they think the people want to hear. They will not be guided by the Holy Ghost but by money, women or popularity.

5 And so we find then that through these men, many will be led astray from the Truth and they will be turned unto man-made fictions. These men will turn the people away from what is real to that which is make-believe. Thus we actually see the prophetic utterance of God that tells us that there will arise ministries that are especially ordained for the purpose of alluring away from the Truth those who are only make believers themselves. Now this is important to understand, because we know that the Elect will not be deceived. But here we find certain men who are ordained to teach the make believers make-belief.

6 In other words, they will teach people how to just play church.

7 2 Thessalonians 2:10-13 Wuest Translation: Here we find they are able to do so because the people are just gullible, that\''s all.

The Wuest Translation says that \\'this deception is geared to the gullibility of those who are perishing and that this gullibility is caused by the fact that they did not have a love for the Truth\''.

8 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 \\'Of every kind of wicked deception geared to the gullibility of those who are perishing. This gullibility being caused by the fact that they did not accept the love for the Truth to the end that they might be saved. And because of this God sends them a deluding influence resulting in their believing the lie, in order that they all might be judged who did not believe the truth but took delight in wickedness.\''

9 Notice it is a deluding influence that causes them to believe the Lie and perish in it. And the word delude is defined as: to cause (someone) to believe something that is not true. to mislead the mind or judgment of : deceive, trick.

10 But notice also that in order to do this the people have to open themselves up for the deception. And the Bible says, This gullibility being caused by the fact that they did not accept the love for the Truth to the end that they might be saved.

11 So they get what they actually are looking for. Deception, because they just refuse to take God at His Word.

12 In 1 Timothy 4: 1-2 we read from the Amplified Version: But the Holy Spirit distinctly and expressly declares that in the latter times some will turn away from THE FAITH, by giving heed to deluding and seducing spirits and doctrines that demons teach.

13 And so we see that there must be a falling away, and this falling away we are told is from THE Faith.

And there is only One Faith...One Lord...according to Ephesians 4: 5 And since we were instructed by God\''s Vindicated Prophet that Faith is a Revelation, and since there is only one revelation spoken of in the Scripture and that Revelation is the Revelation of Jesus Christ according to Galatians 1:12, 1 Peter 1:13, Revelations 1:1 therefore we see that any other revelation besides the Revelation of Jesus Christ, (Who He is and what He\''s doing), is pure and simply a false precept of man. And so we see that the falling away will be from this Message.

Galatians 1:12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

14 1 Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

15 Revelations 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

16 In Luke 18: 8 Jesus asks the question, \\'When the Son of Man cometh, Shall He find Faith on the earth?\'' And that is what we are looking at this evening. Shall He find Faith? Shall He find Revelation? But what we see in the end time is a picture of men rising up who proclaim to be ministers of The Faith but as we see

them manifesting themselves, we find they are actually impostors.

And now this brings us to the next point. These men who are called impostors are actually ordained to their roles of condemnation. In [Jude] we read that these men crept in unaware. The NIV says "for certain men who were of old ordained to this condemnation secretly slipped in among you".

17 In 2 Timothy 3:13 we read, But wicked men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and leading astray others and being deceived and led astray themselves.

And finally we find that this group of make believers who have heaped to themselves teachers to tell them what their itching ears want to hear. We find also in Hosea 4:6-9 the people and ministers will both be like. "Like people like priests. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. 7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me: (the larger the group became the more they went into sin or unbelief against God) therefore will I change their glory into shame. 8 They eat up (they just gulp down) the sin (the unbelief) of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.

Now with this in mind, I want to show you the difference this evening between the make-believer and the foolish virgin.

27-4 Three Kinds of believers 63-1124E "Now, the make-believer hangs around and acts just as pious as he can, but down in his heart he's trying to find what, ... see how you do it. Oh, if the country isn't full of that part of the hypocrite. That's a Judas. That's exactly. Hangs around, becomes part of the group, he was the treasurer. See? He stands around; he's always got his hand out for money. You can tell that one thing; he's always fishing for money, and got his hand out for this, and he is a make-believer. He acts like a believer, but down in his heart... You remember, he wasn't fooling Jesus.

28-2 Three kinds of Believers 63-1124E "There's that make-believer that's just waiting. He'll sing like that, "Oh, I believe this, and I believe this, and I believe this, but oh, you know I heard somebody say so-and-so times..." See? Just long with ears... A real believer don't hear nothing but the Word. That's all. He watches the Word. He ain't looking for no loopholes; he ain't looking for no gimmicks. He believes God, and that settles it, and he just keeps going on. See? There's the believer. The unbeliever fills up in a minute, and he can't stay to listen to ten minutes to the message; he's got to get up and walk out. It's against his creed, and he just won't have no more to do with it, so he goes out. Then the make-believer hangs right on, that Judas. See? That's the deceiver. That's a rascal (if I have to say such a word). Judas, he hangs around.

THREE KINDS OF BELIEVERS 63-1124E 28-4 "This is the time... Sometime these make-believers are very popular with the people (That's right.), these make-believers. See? Some of them are mighty men, educated, doctor's degree, big pay, everything; some of them are great men, shrewd, just like sons of Satan would be. Look how Satan come right up there and agree with every bit of that Word. He's just waiting to find that weak spot in Eve to where he could show his power to deceive her, to betray her. That was--that was Satan, and here Satan is in a form of Judas in that age. That was Satan in the first age. What was he? Agreeing

with the Word till just one little thing... He was just trying to find a place where he could get a weakness, and that's exactly what the Judas finds right now. He'll come right along with the meeting, and watch right around until he can find that little spot that he... "Oh, there it is; that's it. (See?) Oh, that's the way it's done." See? That's just exactly."

156 Ten Virgins 60-1211M "Now, watch, they, both of them were virgins. Now, let me get this. Here, let's take these two right here. This is a virgin and this is a virgin. This was a foolish virgin and this was a wise virgin, but both of them are virgins. Now, if you'll take that name "virgin" and run it down, it means--it means "holy, clean, sanctified." The word "sanctify" comes from the word "sainted," which means "clean." Like the Hebrew word... Now, that's a Greek word; "sanctify" means "clean."

E-35 Sudden Secret Going Away of the Church 58-1012 "How many of you, all perhaps, have read of the virgins? Some were wise and some were foolish. "Virgin" means "purity." They were all good people, everyone of them virgin, sanctified vessels of God. But those who had oil in their lamps went in. And the others was left out. They were all virgins, everyone people that you couldn't put your finger on for anything wrong. They everyone believed in the coming of the Lord. They were ready to go meet Him, but some of them let their oil go out. Don't let that be your case. Keep oil in your lamp."

"Oil is the Spirit, the Holy Spirit. Never let it drain from you. When you feel your love dying away, your sincerity to Christ, and to the cause, quickly go to Him Who has the Fountain of Oil and buy for yourself a filling of the Holy Spirit."

Now how then do we go to Him and refill these lamps? Psalm 119:105 Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. In fact brother Branham tells us the same thing in explaining the lamp the Wise Virgin had that was lit.

73 Conflict Between God and Satan 62-0531 "Fire is the confirmation of the Light coming from the Word. The smart virgin, the wise virgin, had oil in her lamp, and she trimmed her lamp and lit it. Now, what is it? Now, God is the Word; the Oil is the Spirit; and the Fire is the Gospel Light on that Oil. Amen. God said so. See? That's the vessel. All right. The Oil is in the vessel, and the Fire burning it, shows that it's reflecting the Light of what the Word said. See? That's the reflection. Now, that wise virgin could do that; but that other, foolish virgin, was on the outside, had no Oil. And they couldn't reflect nothing but just their church and their denomination. See? Now, "You say the Word... You said the Word was Spirit?" Yes, sir. God said, "My word is Spirit." That's right. The true Bride must be unified by the Word. Now, remember, if she is a part of Christ, she has to be the Word of Christ. In order to be the Word of Christ, you have to be baptized into Christ. And when you're in Christ, you believe Christ and Christ is the Word. The Masterpiece 159 Now, closing in a few minutes. I want you to notice real close of something that just happened. Malachi 4 is to bring back, back to the original. She is smitten from the church, from the church body, smitten with her Master for the same purpose (She's the Word.), the same as Joseph was smitten from his brethren, because he was the Word. And Jesus was smitten from His brethren, because He was the Word. The church is smitten, the Bride is smitten from the church, because She is the Word. There's your stages again: one, two, three. See? Just exactly.

18 Notice brother Branham is letting us know that if we are the Word made manifest even as Jesus was the Word made manifest, then the same destiny that he came to is awaiting you and I as well. And that is a two fold destiny which consists of

1. Acceptance by God
2. Rejection by the world.

19 Now, the acceptance by God will result in our glorification. Now, remember the word glory or glorify means the "opinion, assessment and judgment". And since we are talking about God doing the glorifying, we are talking about His Opinion, His assessment or the value system he has, and the judgments by which He judges will become in you and your judgments and your values will be God's values, because You will have His mind in you when he comes to be Glorified in His Saints. That's 2 Thessalonians 1:10

20 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

21 But the world will hate you even as it hated Christ, and that is what we are talking about this evening. And in Jesus prayer to the Father he said in John 17:14 "I have given them thy Word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

22 So you see, it is the Word that they hate and thus they reject. Jesus was not despised and rejected a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief until after God entered Him at His Baptism in the River Jordan. Up to that point all we know is that people were amazed by his ability to talk the Word with even the best teachers in Israel. But until God entered into Him he never preached the Doctrine of Christ. And it is the Doctrine of Christ that got him crucified. It was His echoing the Father, and only saying what the father said, that got him crucified.

23 And there are two other things which I would like to bring out here.

24 1. The people fail to recognize the manifested Word for their hour.

2. As a result, they crucify to themselves the Lord afresh.

1. They fail to recognize the Manifested Word for their hour.

A. Because they are always looking forwards, and backwards.

B. Because God never fulfills His Word in the way they think it should be fulfilled.

C. Because they are not ordained to understand what it is and what it is all about.

2. Therefore they crucify the Word of God Afresh and put it to an open shame.

25 Now, we've heard Jesus in his prayer to the Father tell us that we would be hated after He gave us God's Word, because He was hated after receiving God's Word. And the people that hated Him the most were not the sinner, but the most religious people of that day in which he lived. I'm talking specifically about the Pharisees who were the most advanced and dedicated Jews of His time. And today they would have to be Message believers, because there are no group in Christianity that even come close to living the Life like we find in the Message people and amongst the Holiness people.

26 And what was Jesus rebuke to the Pharisees? He said, you guys are always talking about what God did in the past and what God is going to do, and yet when God comes and does it you are the first to reject it. Let's just turn to the scriptures for a moment, and let's read for ourselves what he's referring to here in this statement.

27 In Matthew 23:29 we find the scene is Jesus talking to the Scribes and Pharisees. These are the best of the best when it came to knowing the Old Testament Scriptures. These were the crème de le crème. The scholars and most devoted men, and yet look at the rebuke Jesus gives them. Notice He says, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees,(now this word woe is an exclamation of grief, it is a word that is used to express sorrow or dismay, in other words, He's saying "what a pity, or "of what a pitiful bunch you guys are" then he calls them...) hypocrites! (because a hypocrite is someone who knows better but will not do because of some personal gain that can be made by not doing, or acknowledging the Truth.. The dictionary defines hypocrisy as The practice of professing beliefs, feelings, or virtues that one does not hold or possess; falseness.) And then Jesus tells them why they are Hypocrites. He says, "because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, 30 And say, (Now this is the key to why he is calling them hypocrites, He says it is what you say...There is nothing wrong with building the tombs of the prophets, but to do so and say...) If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. 31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. 32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. 33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, (and notice, not just you lineage of serpents, but you lineage of vipers. That's deadly serpents whose venom kills.) how can ye escape the damnation of hell?(How can you? You can't, because it was made for this kind of people, religious, yet dead wrong, and with words will kill the influence of the Truth.)

28 34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets,(Notice I send you, this is in the future, I will send to you Prophets... A prophet is a revealer of the Word.) and wise men,(These are teachers, and not just someone who claims to be a teacher, but there is a special trait about these men, they are thoughtful, and sagacious which means they show a keen sense of discernment and possess sound judgment, farsightedness and are discreet (implying a cautious character.) and scribes: (Men, with a gift to write) and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: 35 That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. 36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. 37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! 38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. 39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

29 Now the killing does not only mean in a physical way. I have a letter from brother Branham at home that was written to my father in law, and in it brother Branham said there are more ways to kill a man than with a gun or a knife. He said you can kill a man's influence and you might as well have shot him with a bullet.

30 From Testimony of a True Witness brother Branham said, "You can kill a man more ways than just sticking him with a knife; speak against his character, many ways you can do it."

31 Hebrews Chapter 7part 2 pp 55, 57-0922 And you people with these saw-blade tempers, that's always spouting off in the mouth at somebody, can't put up, and things like that. Be careful. You're guilty if you speak a word against your brother that's not right, not just. Go around and tear down... You don't have to stick a knife in a man's back to kill him; you can break his character and kill him, kill his influence. Speak against your pastor here, say something bad about him, you just might as well have shot him; told something that wasn't right about him, well, it'll kill his influence with the people and things like that,

St. Paul. " You hypocrites, why don't you take the side with his doctrine? You'd have done the same thing then you done now, for you're the children of your fathers, your organizational fathers, Pharisees, Sadducees, and self-righteous... That's it. I tell you in that hour that we live; I wonder if this could be the Third Pull. Just a minute now. Jesus said, "This kind receives greater damnation." See?

38 notice...he said "you claim that if you had live in the days of Paul you would have sided with him, then he said, you are hypocrites, because if you would have sided with him back then you would be siding with him on his doctrine now". And so there we have it. If you have not the right doctrine, it shows that you have not the right spirit. Let us pray