

#2 One in Whom God Reveals through - the vessel

1 Now, let's move along to point number 2) Secondly, there must be one that God reveals Himself through, In other words there must be a vessel of God's choosing. And seeing that He promised that He would do nothing lest He reveals it through His Servants the Prophets, it must be a prophet that brings the correct teaching first.

2 Now, we already showed you in our first sermon on Doctrine in this series, that there must first be one Who Reveals himself, and the doctrine therefore in order to have Life must reveal that One, which is God.

3 Now, the second point we are looking at is that there also must be one that God uses to bring forth the teaching or the revelation of Himself. And this one must be a good steward of the Word of God, because the Word is the Light that brings Life. And all doctrine must be Word based or forget it.

4 Now, brother Branham said in his sermon, The Mighty conqueror 56-0401 P:4 "Now, the first thing, I believe that all doctrine must come from God's eternal blessed Word, for faith cannot rest upon the shifting sands of theology of man. It must be based upon the unmovable Rock of God's Word. Therefore, a person can rest assure that if God has said it, God will perform what He said.

5 I would like for you to listen to the following Scriptures very closely, and you'll find that above all signs that a man can come forward with, there is only one sign that vindicates the man as God's prophet and that is "Thus Saith the Lord" that does not fail. Too many have tried to place the Sign of Messiah above "Thus Saith the Lord". But God does not tell us to fear a man that comes with vision, nor does he tell us to fear a man who can discern, because we are all taught to discern right from wrong according to Malachi 3:16.

6 We are also shown in 1 Corinthians 12 that there is a gift of the Holy Ghost which is discerning of spirits, and the word of Knowledge. These are not The sign of Messiah because the sign of Messiah is the Word of God Itself, and that is a category all to itself. There were many prophets that came with "Thus Saith the Lord" but only very few that have shown the sign of Messiah. The two who used it the most were Jesus and William Branham. But Samuel shown it on occasion, and Paul. William Branham used it more than all together though, so it holds a special place among Message believers.

7 The Sign of Messiah is Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do".

8 Notice, it is the Word of God that discerns the thought and intentions and motives of the heart, and all creatures are naked in His sight. That is not Deuteronomy 18. The sign of Messiah like all visions had to be checked by the Word.

Brother Branham said he had to check every vision by the Word. And Deuteronomy 18 is not a vision. It is God Himself doing the speaking through His designated mouth piece, which is His prophet.

9 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;

10 He doesn't say the Lord thy God will raise up a five fold ministry and you shall hearken unto them. He does not say you must hearken to any Bible teacher, or any pastor, or any evangelist, or any apostle, nor any five fold prophet. But you had better hearken to the prophet that comes with "thus saith the Lord".

11 Let's continue to read. 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, (like unto Moses) and I 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.

12 Notice these guys who speak in His name and do not say what He said, they don't come with "thus saith the Lord", but they do come speaking in His name, and these are the same men you see in Matthew 7 who are told "depart from me for I never knew you".

13 Matthew 7: 15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits.

14 Brother Branham taught us the fruit is their teaching for the season. It's what they are teaching.

15 From his sermon, Anointed ones at end time 65-0725M P:42 Notice. But it's what they produce that tells you the difference. "By their fruit," Jesus said, "you shall know them." Man does not gather grapes off of a thistle even though the thistle be right in the grapevine. That could be possible, but the fruit will tell it. What is the fruit? The Word for the, fruit for the season; that's what it is, their teaching. The teaching of what? The teaching of the season, what time it is, -man's doctrine, denominational doctrine, or God's Word for the season.

16 Jesus said in Matthew 7:16, "Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

17 In other words, a corrupt tree will bring forth fruit for another season, a wrong season, like teaching Moses message in Jesus day.

18 Identified Christ of all ages 64-0401 P:10 So the Bible is perfectly true and that's what we stand on: the Bible. It must be THUS SAITH THE LORD. Now, we do believe that God can do things that's not written in His Word, because He's God. He does whatever He wishes. But yet, I like to see anything, when it comes in a line of a doctrine come out of the Bible; because I believe that the Bible is the full revelation of Jesus Christ, the Bible said. That's what it is. It is the revelation of Jesus Christ. And nothing is to be added to It or anything taken from It. So I like to stay right into what It says and what It promises. If He'd just do what He promised, that's all I care to see anyhow. Then I know I'll see Him.

19 18 "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit," Now that doesn't mean for one minute they are infallible, if they are men they are capable of making mistakes, that is why we are commanded to say what is on the tapes and only what is on the tapes. Just like Paul said in Galatians 1:6 "if any man teach any other Gospel than what I've already taught, let him be accursed."

20 God keeps His Word 1 57-0306 P:9 The Urim Thummim has been done away with, 'cause that priesthood ended. But God's Urim Thummim today is God's Word. The Word is His Urim Thummim. Woe unto him that'll add or take away anything from this Book. This is God's eternal truth. And in the day where there's people saying, "Oh, we don't need the Bible. It's been translated fifteen times or more; how do we know its right?" Till heavens and earth passed away, God's Word will never pass away. Every doctrine and everything else of the Bible, that we have in the church, must be based upon the Word of God, must come from the Word. Not just one place, but from Genesis to Revelation it must say the same thing, 'cause we cannot base our thoughts upon one little Scripture. For the Bible said, "In the mouth of two or three witnesses, let every word be established."

21 Matthew 7:18 "neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

22 Now, if it is a corrupt tree it will have the teaching for the season all mixed up.

23 Faith once delivered to the saints 57-0610 P:68 Every mortal must give away to immortality. Don't disregard those words because it comes from an uneducated person. Don't regard it because the person that I am. But regard it because this, that it's the Word of God, and that God Himself, if I've told the truth, will vindicate it to be the truth. If I'm false, then my preaching's false, then my doctrine is false, then I'm false with it. And if I preach a perishable doctrine and a perishable Christ, I'll perish with it. But if I preach the imperishable Word of God, and an imperishable God, I'll live forever with Him. That's right. I've done my best. I can't do no more. It's up to God to shake your hearts to believe. Once more I ask Him in Christ's Name to let this happen again tonight for the glory of God.

24 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits (their teaching) ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied (preached) in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? (in other words, they will have Mark 16 working for them) and in thy name done many wonderful works?

25 Now, these "works" are dunamis, and not ergon as in John 14:12. This is not the life and nature of Christ expressed in their own lives, but this is miracle working power that is exhibited, just like Judas went out healing the sick, and Jannes and Jambres did some of the things Moses did. These are men who can pull themselves into a sphere or spiritual state where the supernatural exists, but they do it with wrong motives, but God allows it to prove and test you.

26 Convinced and then concerned 62-0521 P:30 Remember, that today, because that you see the church moving up from one great thing to another great thing... And those people sometime draw a little fence. If Luther had never drawn a fence, he'd be Pentecostal today. The Pentecostal church today is the advanced Lutheran church. That's exactly right. Now, we draw fences. If we would make our organizations, and end our doctrine with a comma, "We believe this, plus as much as God will give to us," that would be fine. But they end it with a period. "We believe this. And you believe it, or you don't come around us." So therefore, God... you just shut yourself off. Right. We must be willing and open to receive God, and whatever God's got for us, with an open heart. We must receive it. And therefore, when the nations here turned down the Word of God, there's heathens yonder that's ready to receive It. And the Gospel will go from this intellectual nation to the heathen that don't know right hand from left. And that's what's taking place right now. That's exactly. It's a leaving.

27 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. And we know that "iniquity is to know to do right and you won't do it".

28 But Deuteronomy 18 on the other hand tells us that if the man does come in the name of the Lord and he

speaks in the Name of the Lord and "it comes to pass what he said", then he is the guy you fear, because it's not him speaking but God Who is speaking through Him.

29 I think it's interesting that William Branham's detractors all seem to say the same thing. They all say they never saw one "thus saith the Lord fail", yet they couldn't stand his doctrine. These men don't know their Bible very well. They are so indoctrinated into their schools of theology that they have missed identifying God's mouth piece for this age, because he didn't come preaching what they already thought they knew and understood.

30 So God tells the people in Deuteronomy 13 that He will send men with delusions to take out those who are not ordained to Life. And that's exactly what we read last week in Matthew 13 where Jesus said he spoke in parables because not everyone is ordained to understand and thus be converted.

31 Three kinds of believers 63-1124E P:19 Peter, this unlearned person of a--standing near, when he had saw the thoroughly a-vindicated Word of the day, that God promised in that day that there would be a one rise up which would be a prophet among them... And Simon was hard to believe it because there been so many impersonations of it, but when he seen the genuine unfolded Word of that age and hear Him properly identified, he was certainly convinced Who He was. And he was the one, said, "Lord, to whom would we go?" when it was asked him, when the crowds was separating between the believers, and unbelievers, and make-believers. There was all three of them standing right there in that one company of people: believers, make-believers, and unbelievers, right found in this chapter right here. And because that Jesus had spoke the Words the way He had, it separated His congregation, but it must be done. He was a great Man as long as He healed the sick, but when it come down to the doctrine and the prophecy, that's what separated the chaff from the wheat. See? The chaff only wraps around the wheat; it's not the wheat; it cannot be used. There's nothing in it, no life in it. It's the husk, and it cannot stay with the wheat. It won't be heir with the wheat. And so it's got... Just the grain is what we're talking about, the heart of the grain of the wheat.

32 Just think of it, if you are ordained to Life you will believe, because you are ordained to believe. That's what Acts 13:48 tells us. "And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."

33 Now, in getting back to Deuteronomy 13 God speaks to the people and says, "there are going to arise some men with signs and wonders but I am going to allow them to come and entice you. So be very careful, because I will allow this to happen in order to put you to the test, to see if you will chase after that which is not my word or not".

34 Deuteronomy 13:1 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, 2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; 3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. 5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee. 6 If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; 7 Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; 8 Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou

conceal him: 9 But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

35 Look, God doesn't mess around. And we should take our example from our Vindicated prophet who was approached by a man one time, who said to him, "if you are of God like you claim you are, then smite me blind," but brother Branham responded to him saying, "Sir, I can't smite you blind, because you are already blind". So we do not need to physically kill that person, as they were commanded under the law, but we should consider those people as already dead to yourself, and we must learn to just move on without them. God said, "I am actually going to allow men to rise up with signs and wonders, and even great teaching ability, and I am going to put you to the test to see if you will stay with "Thus saith the Lord", or whether you will just chase after new objects of worship."

36 Now, listen, in the old testament it was false prophets that arose to take out those who were not ordained to Eternal Life. But the Bible teaches us this is the age where teachers are ordained to rise up and draw away many disciples after themselves.

37 And it's no wonder that this Message is loaded with teachers. So be aware and be very careful. Because the only ministry you should fear is that which comes with "Thus Saith the Lord", and that alone, because God is obligated to back up His own Word. And if God didn't say it, then He is obligated to make sure it does not come to pass if someone says he said it, and he didn't say it.

38 2 Peter 2:1 But there were (Notice that speaks of past tense) there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be (that speaks of future tense) even as (or in the same way as back then there were false prophet, even so there shall be) there shall be false teachers (plural) among you, who privately shall bring in damnable heresies, (bring them in from where? Bring them into The Message, from where? Well if they will bring them in, then the damnable heresies will have to come from other than the message itself. From outside the Message itself. In other words, they will come with their own theology, and their own words and say it is the Word of God, the Message of the hour. And in doing so they will even deny the Lord that bought them, (they will have a oneness mindset for they will deny the one who bought them, and Jesus the son of God paid the price, not God the son, so they will be oneness, and deny the son of God.) and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

39 Now, verse 2 will give you another clue. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. (So these guys will be popular and in doing so they will bring the truth to be evil spoken of.)

40 3 And through covetousness (that's their greed showing) shall they with feigned words (those are made up words) make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

41 Now, listen. Their motive is to make merchandize of the people they are speaking too. That is the same Organization Spirit you see in the great whore of Revelations 17 and 18.

Now, let me read this from the Wuest Translation: But as there arose false prophets also among the people, even as also among you there shall be false teachers who will be of such a nature as to bring alongside of true doctrine destructive heresies even denying the Lord who purchased them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow (these guys will have a big following) their licentious conduct to its consumation; on account of whom the way of truth will be reviled.

42 These men will come into the Message and give a wrong understanding of the Word of God and the people

will be caught up into what these men say as evil interpreters of the Word of Truth.

43 3 And in the sphere of covetousness with fabricated words they will exploit you, from whom: for whom from ancient times their judgment has not been idle.

44 The Message 2 Peter 2: 1-2 But there were also lying prophets among the people then, just as there will be lying teachers among you. They'll smuggle in destructive divisions, pitting you against each other-biting the hand of the One who gave them a chance to have their lives back! They've put themselves on a fast downhill slide to destruction, but not before they recruit a crowd of mixed-up followers who can't tell right from wrong. 2-3 They give the way of truth a bad name.

45 Now, listen? It wasn't a Baptist preacher, or a Pentecostal Preachers, or even a Catholic priest who was labeled by the American press as the most racist preacher in America. It was a Message preacher who uses divisive words to draw big crowds to his church.

46 Message Bible cont'd. "They're only out for themselves. They'll say anything, anything, that sounds good to exploit you. They won't, of course, get by with it. They'll come to a bad end, for God has never just stood by and let that kind of thing go on."

47 Now, let's read it from the "The Voice" translation, because I really want this to stick in your minds, because we are at the end time, and only the elect will not be deceived, which means all others will fall by deception.

48 The Voice 2 Peter 2:1 Just as false prophets rose up in the past among God's people, false teachers will rise up in the future among you. They will slip in with their destructive opinions, denying the very Master who bought their freedom and dooming themselves to destruction swiftly, 2 but not before they attract others by their unbridled and immoral behavior. Because of them and their ways, others will criticize and condemn the path of truth we walk as seedy and disreputable. 3 These false teachers will follow their greed and exploit you with their fabrications, but be assured that their judgment was pronounced long ago and their destruction does not sleep.

49 Expanded Translation 2 Peter 2:1 There used to be false prophets among God's people. That's Deuteronomy 13:1-5; deuteronomy 18:14-22; and Jeremiah 28. Just as you will have some false teachers oin your group among you;because we see it in Jude 4. They will secretly oteach which means they will bring in; or introduce things that are wrong teachings, that will cause people to be lost. Destructive heresies, Destructive opinions, and destructive factions. They will even refuse to accept, in fact they will even deny the Master

50 Now, let's continue in our study of the vessels that God uses to reveal His true doctrine by opening our Bibles to Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. 8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

51 The Voice translation, Amos 3:7-8 The Eternal Lord does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants, the prophets. They are His spokespeople.8 The lion has roared; who is not afraid? The Eternal Lord has been heard; His prophets can't help but prophesy.

52 The Message translation Amos 3:7-8 The fact is, GOD, the Master, does nothing without first telling his prophets the whole story. 8 The lion has roared, who isn't frightened? GOD has spoken, what prophet can keep quiet?

53 Acts 3:22-23 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. 23 And it shall

come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

54 Acts 13:40-41 Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets; 41 Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you. There's God's vessel again, it's always a man and always will be a man.

55 Revelations 10:3-7 3 1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: 2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth:

56 You see, this is Amos 3:8 8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

57 And this is also 1 Thessalonians 4: 16-18 where the Lord comes down with a Shout which is a "loud Voice".

58 Revelations 10:3 and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. 4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. 5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, 6 And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: or as some of the versions say, Time no longer delayed. 7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

59 Malachi 4:4-6 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

60 Again we can see that Jesus himself taught us that he was just a vessel for God, His Father to work and speak through. John 14:7-9 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. 8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? 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.

Therefore in closing, we examined point number 2 concerning Doctrine, and that is that there must be one to reveal. Point number 1, there must be One who reveals, and point number 2 there must be one who is used to reveal. In other words, God always has used a vessel to reflect or echo his Word from, His Doctrine, what he wants taught, and that will bring us to point number 3 which we will examine Sunday morning, and that is there must be ones in whom the doctrine is revealed too.

61 And that is you and I brothers and sisters, and we will examine on Sunday how that we know that we are the ones God has revealed Himself too.

62 Let us pray.