

## #15 Falling away from The Faith (The Doctrine of Christ)

- 1 This morning we will speak on the subject of Falling away from The Faith or abandoning The Faith. And we know that "Faith is a revelation", It's something that has been revealed to you. And this abandonment of the Faith is from the revelation of Christ or the Doctrine of Christ as John calls it in 2 John 9.
- 2 We see it mentioned several times in Scripture as a characteristic of the end time.
- 3 1 Timothy 4: 1-4 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from The Faith, and how do they do it? by "giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils";
- 4 Now, brother Branham said this is not a departure from faith in general but from The Faith. And he tells us that you can not have The Faith which is One Faith without having One Lord.
- 5 Anointed ones at end time 65-0725M P:186. Here come Paul right behind Him and said, "Now, in the last days there will come religious people (See?), having a form of godliness, and lead silly women, led away with all kinds of worldly... -now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so will these reprobates..." Reprobate mind concerning the faith, not a faith, the Faith. One faith, one Lord, one. You can't have one faith without believing in one Lord. You can't have two baptisms, not one for the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost. There's one baptism, Jesus Christ. That's right. See? False baptism...
- 6 Therefore if you have more than one Lord, you will have more than one faith. Because he said, You can't have one faith without believing in one Lord.
- 7 So what is that when you have more than one Lord? It is a falling away from The Faith. It's falling away from the doctrine of Christ, which says, "One Lord One Faith one Baptism." And the same apostle Paul that taught this said, if any man add to or take away let him be cursed.
- 8 Escape hither come quickly 58-0202 P:37 Oh, brother, what a day that we're living in. The Bible said in this day that (in I Timothy) "The Spirit speaks expressively in the latter days they'll depart from the faith, and will be heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." I come to the church the other night; it was all together too snowy and bad to come here. But they had a basketball game, and they had to turn hundreds away. What is it? Their God is basketball. And what is your God then? A big blowed up piece of air. I'm glad that our God is the Lord Jesus Christ in His Person of His resurrection, a real living Creator Who made the heavens and earth. But they want to see that. The kind of spirit in them draws for that. The Spirit in a Christian draws him to Christ. "How can a man come to Me except My Father draws him."
- 9 So whether it is basketball that keeps you away from Wednesday nights or football or the Super Bowl that keeps you from Communion service every January, let me repeat what this vindicated prophet said. He said, what is your God then? A big blowed up piece of air.
- 10 Let me tell you something, I can speak from experience because I have been there and I've walked away from it all. I signed three one year contracts with the Minnesota Vikings to play professional football for them, and I walked away from it because the games are played on Sundays, and the Holy Spirit kept speaking to me as I was in training camp, "what will you profit if you gain the world and loose your soul."

**11** Listen brothers and sisters, we are promised if we "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God then all these things shall be added unto you."

**12** Brother Branham was just a 12 year old boy when he would swim out into the ponds and streams before midnight every Saturday night just to unset his traps so he would not trap any animal on the Sabbath. and because he honored God, God honored Him.

**13** And remember, God spoke in tongues through a brother who had never even heard of speaking in tongues, and God spoke to Brother Branham and he quoted what was said in his sermon the Paradox 61-1210 P:144 Because thou has chosen the narrow path... See, just against, I'd have to walk by yourself. See? I can understand that. Moses had to make his choice too. See? He didn't have to do it, but he did it. See?... the harder way, thou... (See?)Because thou has chosen the narrow path, the harder way, thou has made--thou has walked of Your own choosing. In other words, I didn't have to do it. I can side in and go with them if I want to. But I want to stay with the Word. Thou has picked the correct and precise decision, and it is My way. If you'll notice, it's punctuated and underlined. If you notice, it's wrote in French, this; spoke in French, verb before the adverb. See? Because of this momentous decision, a huge portion of heaven awaits thee. What a glorious decision thou has made. This is itself is that which will give and make come to pass the tremendous victory in the love Divine.

**14** Therefore, you young boys, let me give you some advice, don't you play ball on Sundays for anyone. You reserve that day entirely for God and He will bless that single act of dying to self for the rest of your life.

**15** Remember the Olympic runner from Scotland named Erid Liddel, he was the fastest man in England in the 100 meter race, and he went to the Olympics to run that race but when they had his trials on a Sunday he refused to run, and there was a whole big fuss, because even the prince of Wales came to him to try to convince him otherwise, but he refused to back down, so a team mate who was Jewish ran in his place, because his Sabbath was Saturday, and so Eric Liddel was to run in the 400 meter race instead and he had not even prepared himself for that kind of endurance sprinting.

**16** But before the race, an American sprinter came up to him and handed him a piece of paper with a scripture written on it. The Scripture was 1 Samuel 2:30 which said, "for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed."

**17** And God stepped in, and God gave him breath to run that race that was set before him and he won the Gold medal for his country as well.

**18** Never forget, "All things work together for the good of those who love the lord and are thee called according to His purpose."

**19** So God honored him for honoring God. Will you do the same?

**20** Now, we are talking about departing from The Faith. You say, oh, it's only a football game, oh it's only a basketball game. Departing from The Faith.

**21** Jehovah Jireh part 2 62-0706 P:34 What a hope it is for the church tonight in the hour of darkness, superstition, sensation, intellectual. The Holy Spirit said, "In the last days there'd come an intellectual church. The Spirit speaks expressingly (I Timothy 4), in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, give heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils (Sure.), having a form of godliness." What were they doing? "Heady, high-minded...": Doctor Ph.D., LL.D., QST, all these titles. "Why, Doctor So-and-so, a times so-and-so, is our pastor." I'd rather some man, being my family or my child, that didn't know the difference between split beans and

coffee, and knowed Christ. That's right. Take him out yonder somewhere by an old stump and kneel down on his knees and pray with him till the Holy Ghost comes into him. I'd rather have that than all the psychology you could pour into him by a doctor's degree. Tell him the Word of God. Yes.

**22** So the prophet of God shows us how they will depart from The Faith, and he says it comes by degrees. Disbelieving one word at a time. One word disbelieved by one word disbelieved. "Here a little and there a little. And the falling away is just the opposite of coming into the image of the first born son, which is completed by piling Word upon Word upon word. But you also depart the same way, only in reverse. One word set aside by one word set aside by one words set aside. Until the Word is entirely absent from your life.

**23** In fact that is what we hear the scripture tells us.

**24** Isaiah chapter 28 from the Amplified version, 5: But in that future Messianic day, the Lord of shall become a crown of Glory and a diadem of beauty to the converted remnant of His people; 6 and for a Spirit of Judgment (that's the Judge) to him who sits in judgment (that's His elect) and a source of strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate. 7 But even these (who?) those at the gate, which are gatekeepers, or the so called ministry in that day "even these reel with wine and stagger from strong drink;" (who?) "The priest and the prophet have erred through strong wine, they are confused by the strong wine, (they are confused by the stimulation of revelation) they stagger and are gone astray through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in pronouncing judgment. 8 And therefore, all tables have become full of vomit, so that there is no place that is clean. 9 Whom will He teach knowledge? And whom will He make to understand the Message? Those who are babies, just weaned from the milk and taken from the breasts? Is that what He thinks we are? 10 For it is His prophets repeating over and over, precept upon precept, precept upon precept, rule upon rule , rule upon rule, here a little and there a little. 11 No! But the Lord will teach the rebels in a more humiliating way by men with stammering lips and a foreign tongue will He speak to this people and teach them His lesson. 12 To these complainers the Lord has said, "This is the True Rest, the way to true comfort and happiness that you shall give to the weary, and this is the True refreshing. yet they would not listen to His teaching, 13 Therefore, the Word of the Lord will become to them, merely monotonous repeatings of precept upon precept, precept upon precept; rule upon rule, rule upon rule; here a little and there a little; that they may go, and fall backwards, and be broken, and snared, and taken captive.

**25** And that is the final state of these people that are falling away, because they loved not the truth. You've got to love it.

**26** Notice they shall fall backwards, and remember in Moses day they wanted to go back to the fleshpots of Egypt.

**27** Jesus said in Matthew 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

**28** Notice he allows the cares of this life to come in and take over. The Word get's squeezed out from your preeminence, and the cares of this life become the preeminent thing in your life, and then you die off from bearing any fruit in your life.

**29** It's like placing a tourniquet around an arm or leg and as you tighten it, the blood stops going to that limb, and before too long that limb will begin to first weaken, then turn color and begin to rot, and then it will die, and must be amputated. And if it is amputated, it will never bear fruit, you can never use it again. That is what the cares of this world will do to your soul.

**30** It doesn't happen immediately, but slowly the life goes out of the Word and then you find no fruit to show in

your life because of the Word.

**31** 23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

**32** Now, let's continue, the next verse says they will be 2 "Speaking lies in hypocrisy"; (in other words, they know better but they go ahead and teach their error anyway.) and when you tell a lie over and over again you begin to believe it yourself. And your conscience becomes seared, and you no longer recognize what is true and what is error. Your discernment is gone.. "having their conscience seared with a hot iron"; (now, this is figurative language here only. It does not say that they literally take a hot iron and sear their conscience but that is an expression, meaning their conscience is so fired, they wouldn't be able to distinguish right from wrong.) 3 "Forbidding to marry", (the Catholic priest is one example of that) and commanding to abstain from meats,

**33** Now, you might want to place that in the Catholic church as well, but that is right in this Message) which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. and if you believe and know the truth you won't fall for such as that. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

**34** Now, we have just read some of the ways the Bible teaches us that men will depart from The Faith. By taking on doctrines of man you have to cast off the Doctrine of Christ. And then Paul tells us in 2 Thessalonians 2: 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come except there be a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.

**35** Notice, what day can not come until there's a falling away first? He said in verse 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

**36** So one of the earmarks that the Day of Christ is at hand is there has to come a falling away from The Faith. And the falling away is not all of a sudden they are gone, but it is a little here and a little there. And then one day you realize that they're just gone, plumb gone from The Faith. But it took in most cases years for this to fully transpire.

**37** You say, how do you know that ? Because Jesus told of two other s where the same seed of the Word was sown, and one was sown onto the side of the road, and quickly Satan took it out of their minds. It never had time to settle into their heart, because these had no understanding at all and the seed just sort of blew away. Then he mentions seed that was sown onto stony grown, but when the sun came up, they had no where to plant any roots, and the seed died off before anything could come of it.

**38** But the seed that was received yet that person allowed the cares of this life to have the preeminence in their life, the Word got choked out, because there was no room for it. And this falling away comes because they received not a love for The Faith. Christ the Word was no preeminence.

**39** God tells us in verse 10-11 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the Truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie. That they might be damned who believed not the Truth, but had pleasure in un-right-wise-ness.

**40** And then they actually end up taking pleasure in a wrong understanding of the Word.

**41** Now, let's look a little more in depth at this falling away. Brother Branham said in his sermon, God's Only provided Place of Worship on Paragraph 202, Babylon was founded by Nimrod, and Nimrod was a renegade. and according to Webster's dictionary "a renegade is a person who abandons his religion for another". An Apostate.

**42** Matthew 24: 8-13 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

**43** Why against organized religion 62-1111E P:111 I Timothy 4 said, the Holy Spirit speaking, "In the last days they will depart from the faith and give heed to seducing spirits." It also said, the Holy Spirit spoke that in the last days they'd be heady, high-minded, hateful: "Bless God, you belong to us, or you don't have your name on our book, you're lost." Hateful, unclean birds...

**44** Notice God's Word says, 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

The word offended was translated from the Greek Word skandalizo which means to cause a person to begin to distrust and desert one that he ought to trust and obey; to cause to fall away.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

**45** John 6: 63-7:1 esp (6:66) 63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. 64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. 65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. 66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

**46** I think it is interesting that John 6:66 which is 666 says, "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him."

**47** 67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? 68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. 69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. 70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? 71 He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve. 7:1 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.

Notice Peter said to whom shall we go, not to where shall we go. You see, we as sons of God are steward of Life, eternal life, and that Life is not placed in places, but in sons of God. Some people think their church is where it's happening, and perhaps at one time God was moving in that church by His spirit anointing a vessel that was yielded, but when he takes that vessel off the scene, unless another yielded vessel raises up that has that same God-Life in it, that church will sink and die. Because Brother Branham preached a sermon called God's provided place of worship and it was not in a church, or a certain place, he said it was in Christ. And if Christ is in a vessel, then that church will prosper in the things of God, but when God removes that vessel, it will die like every organized religion has died. and then the men of the church will try to restore that Life into the church and they will play tapes to try to bring it back or keep the life going.

**48** But that is not how God works, He works through men, men who are alive. Who are filled with his Spirit, so they can reflect His Life, His God-Life to the church and impart that same life to others. But you will not find that

life in men who have surrendered to the cares of this life. No, those men are either dying or they are dead. And death can not impart life. It takes Life to impart life.

**49** Hebrews 3:7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, 8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: 9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. 10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. 11 So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) 12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. 13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; 15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. 16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. 17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

**50** Hebrews 10:35-39 Cast not away therefore your confidence,(parrhesia) which has great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

**51** Hebrews 12: 25 See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused Him that Spoke on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from Him Who speaketh from Heaven. Your very life depends on hearing one anointed with God-Life.

**52** Acts 13: 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.

**53** 2 Peter 3: 17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

**54** 1 John 3: 11-12 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked (poneros) one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil [wicked] ( same word poneros) and his brothers righteous.

**55** 2 Timothy 3:1-9 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. 9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was. 10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

**56** 2 Timothy 4: 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. And they shall turn away their ears from the Truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

**57** Hebrews 6: 4 For it is impossible for those who have been once for all enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly Gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the Good Word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall deviate from the truth, it is impossible for them to once again come to repentance ( which is a change of the mind) seeing that they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, or as brother Branham put it, they crucify themselves by rejecting This Word.

**58** Hebrews 10: 26 For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the Truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for our unbelief.

**59** 2 Peter 2: 1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring I damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon them swift destruction...15 which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; 17 these are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever. 20 For if after they have escaped the pollution's of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the Holy Commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the True proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her own wallowing in the mire.

**60** 1 Timothy 6:3-8 If any man teach otherwise and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the Doctrine which is according to Godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the Truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

**61** 2 Timothy 2:12-19 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: 13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself. 14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. 17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; 18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. 19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

**62** 4: 10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; and you never hear from Demas again.

**63** Luke 9: 62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God.

**64** Acts 7: 39 Whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust Him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt saying unto Aaron, make us gods to go before us: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of

the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

**65** Punishment of renegades. this next section we will look at the punishment for being a renegade, one who departs from The Faith.

**66** 1 Chronicles 28:9 if thou forsake Him He will cast thee off for ever.

Isaiah 1: 28 The destruction of transgressors and of sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed.

**67** Jeremiah 17:5 Cursed be the man whose heart departeth from the Lord.

**68** Ezekiel 3: 20 When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die:

**69** Ezekiel 18: 24 But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and commiteth iniquity, and doth according to all the abominations that wicked man doeth, shall he live?

**70** Ezekiel 18: 26 When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and commiteth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die.

**71** Matthew 13: 20 But he that receiveth the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the Word, and anon with joy receiveth it. Yet hath no root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the Word, by and by he is (offended). skandalizo

**72** John 15: 6 If a man abideth not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered: and men gather them into the fire, and they are burned.

**73** Brother Branham said "Christ is the Doctrine." And he also said, any church without doctrine is not a church at all. So a church must have doctrine and that is what these men have turned away from.

And we already read where they will turn away from the doctrine in 2 Timothy 4:1-4

**74** I) So what then is Doctrine?

**75** John 7:14-18 14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. 15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? 16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. 17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. 18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. It is instruction in righteousness, it is teaching, and it is the Word of God. The word logos actually means teaching or doctrine.

2 Timothy 3: 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

**76** Titus 2:1-15 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: 2 That the aged men be sober, grave,



temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. 3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. 6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. 7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, 8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you. 9 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; 10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. 11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. 15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

**77** Deuteronomy 32: 1-2 1 Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. 2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

**78** Acts 2: 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.