

#41 His Word His Life Unveiled

1 This evening we will continue with our study of the Token which brother Branham preached September 1, 1963. We will pick up at paragraph 152 Like Jacob did. He told his wife and all of them, said, "Wash your clothes and everything. Put away them gods." Amen. You know what Joshua said 'fore crossing over? He said, "Wash your clothes, come not at your wives, and so forth, and get ready. For within three days we'll cross Jordan." Amen. He was getting ready. They was applying the token. Amen. That's it. Get ready. Apply it. Believe it. Clean up. Let your children, let your family, let your loved ones see it in you. That's right. It'll take effect. Yes, sir. Then apply the Token in prayer with consideration, with believing. Apply it with such love and so forth, you know it's going to take place. That's all. Apply it in confidence, believing it's going to help. When you talk to that child, when you talk to your husband, talk to your wife, talk to this loved one, believe that it's going to help, and stand there and say, "Lord, I've claimed them; they're mine. I'm getting them for You, Lord."

2 Tonight I would like to focus our thoughts on ejust one statement brother Branham makes here, and that is Let your children, let your family, let your loved ones see it in you.

3 You know that is a very Biblical, statement he is making here. In fact the apostle Paul says so in 1 Corinthians 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

4 So Paul wanted for the church to come to the place that they became a living testimony of the very life of Christ. A written Epistle read and known of all men.

5 Notice Paul says in 2 Corinthians 3:1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?

6 Notice what Paul is driving at here. He says, the human way, the natural man, he wants letters of commendation, to prove himself a minister or whatever profession he is in. But Paul says, I do not have to try and prove anything to anyone because you are my proof. when people look at you, they see Christ, and that is all the proof I need that my ministry is directing you not only to Christ, but into Christ.

7 In fact that is what he says in Ephesians 4 concerning the ministry of the five fold offices that God has placed into the church. And if you want to check out a ministry to see whether it is of God or not, just look for maturity in the people who sit under that ministry. Because Paul says here, when people see you they see Jesus Christ, because you are a written epistle known and read of all men.

Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

8 You know what the word epistle means? It means a written message. Just think the message in written form, just like this Bible is the Word of God in written form, but this time it is not ink and paper but the Word of God is written in the flesh of believers.

3 For as much as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ...

9 Notice Paul says manifestly declared, or declared by manifestation. In other words the Word of God reflecting from vessels who are manifesting the very life of the Word.

10 John tells us the same thing in 1 John 5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God echos the witness in

himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that echos the Son echos life; and he that echos not the Son of God echos not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 14 And this is the confidence (the parrhesia) that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

11 Oh my. Don't you want to have such confidence as that? You can, if you only die out to yourself and only believe.

Now, notice that Paul said, 3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ... Notice, manifestly declared to be the written Message, not in book form, but in the table of your heart. And then he says, "ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

12 So Paul was dealing with the heart just as the Spirit of Elijah is to do according to Malachi 4, to change our hearts. and Paul says, He has been given the ministry to take a-hold of the Spirit of the Living God and use it like a pen, and inscribe in your hearts the Word of God, that it might become a living Word known and read in you.

13 That is why he said in 2 Thessalonians 1: that there is coming an hour when the Word that he preached would be believed, and it would bring on the glorification of the elect when that happens.

14 2 Thessalonians 1:10 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. 11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: 12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

15 No, back to 2 Corinthians 3:4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

16 Now, why would he say that? Because Paul is the same Apostle who taught in Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. And Paul also wrote in Philippians 1:6 we read, Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

17 6 Who (he's speaking of the Holy Spirit here) Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

18 Now, watch Paul go back to the Alpha of His Omega. He goes back to the first Exodus, which is Moses time, and he says, And notice what he calls the law... 7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: 8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? Or more glorious, or Glorious in a greater measure.

19 In other words, Paul is going back to Exodus 34 when Moses comes down with the Law. And if Moses who came down from having been in the presence of the Lord for 40 days was glowing from His face from just having

been in the presence of the Lord for 40 days, How much more will the glory be when the ministration of the Spirit comes at the Appearing and Parousia of Christ?

20 Exodus 34:27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel. 28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. 29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. 30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. 31 And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them. 32 And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai. 33 And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face. 34 But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded. 35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

21 Now, listen to what Paul is telling us. He says, 7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: 8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?

22 So he is telling us that if the glory was so great that Moses face what about when the Appearing takes place, the great Parousia Presence of God. And notice something else here. He tells us that when Moses came down with the law engraved on stone tablets, which is nothing compared to the Word of God written in the hearts of men, and he says, the people feared so to look upon Moses that they had him place a vail over his face to cover up the residue of the Holy Spirit Shekinah that glowed from his face, having been so long in the presence of the Lord.

23 Then Paul says in reference to this, 9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness (right-wise-ness) exceed in glory.

24 In other words, if Moses could lay in the presence of the Lord for 40 days and nights and His face glowed so bright when he only brought down on simple stone tablets ten rules to live by, what can we expect when the Holy Spirit comes down with the full Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the knowledge of Himself.

25 10 For even that which was made glorious (endoxazo, en means in, and doxa is the values and opinioons of God, and zo is from Zoe which means life. In that day when the very opinions and values of God will be lived out in the hearts of the people.) For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory (doxa) that excelleth.

26 Notice Paul says there is no comparison of the glory which appeared on the face of Moses and that which will appear in the hearts of men. When Moses came down, he brought ten rules to govern the hearts of the people, but when Christ comes at His Appearing, it shall fill men with the very Life of God, and thus we will become one with God in the same way Jesus became one with God Himself.

27 11 For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

28 So Paul is definitely looking for a time to come when the glory, the doxa of God, His opinions, his values, and His judgments will become so engrained in the hearts of the people that they will literally be a written

Message manifestly declaring God-Life.

29 12 Seeing then that we have such hope, (such earnest expectation) we use great plainness of speech: 13 And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: 14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ. 15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

Now, Paul is speaking of a great tragedy here, because the Vail he says blinds them to the scriptures, but when Christ came the veil in the temple was torn in two showing what was behind the veil all these years had suddenly come into full view.

Mark 15:38 33 And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? 35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias. 36 And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down. 37 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. 38 And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. 39 And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

30 Luke 23:45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

31 Matthew 27:51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

32 And s the rending of the veil when Jesus died, revealed what Life it was that had been hidden behind the veil in the temple all those years, had now been fully revealed as it hung there upon that cross.

33 Notice Paul had been speaking of the veil which had actually been over the hearts of the people blinding them, was done away in Christ. And then Paul continues, 16 Nevertheless when it (the heart) shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. 17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face (with an unveiled face) beholding as in the looking glass (or the mirror of the Word) of the Word the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image (that we see in the mirror of God's Word and we will be changed) from glory to glory, (from opinion to opinion, and from values to values) even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

34 Notice Paul is telling us when that day comes that the veil of traditions and creeds is taken down, the heart will be exposed to direct Truth, direct doxa, direct opinions and direct values of God, no curve balls. Se stand in full view, and when that day comes, we shall be changed from image to image and from glory to glory, and it will be the Spirit in us working to will and to do.

35 Now, that is what brother Branham taught us in the Unveiling of God that he preached in 1964.

36 Unveiling of God 64-0614M P:132 The veil, tradition of unbelievers, taken away, you see God. When the veil of traditions has been removed, you can see that God is still God of His Word. He still keeps His Word. He's the--He's the God, Author of His Word that is hid behind skin veils to others. Yes, that is right. To those who cannot go behind the veil, He's still behind skin veils.

37 Mighty God unveiled 64-0629 P:59 When you come out from behind the veil, you'll be in full view of the people then, that they can see that something has happened to you. The veiled Word to the unbeliever, but in full view of the believer: Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

38 Let me just read to you from his sermon The Unveiling of God 64-0614M so you can see how brother Branham ties all of this together. P:121 We in Him... Then we being in Him, we are still veiled to the religionists and professors of the world. See, our glory that we have and enjoying, we are still veiled to them outsiders. They think we're crazy, a nut again. See, see? That's right. But we who are in here, in Christ, baptized into Him (I Corinthians 12), into Him, we are partakers of this Glory. See? But not on the outside, you're still looking in, denying it. See? So now we are invited into Him to be partakers of all that He is. We're invited into Him, which is hid to unbelievers by the veil of human flesh. See? They know that Glory; they read of It, It's in the Word here, of the Glory of God and things like that; it's just a word to them. To us it's a manifestation. See? It is no more a word; it's a reality. Amen. God said, "Let there be light." That was the word, but now there is light. It ain't the word; it's the light. See what I mean?

39 Notice, God said there will be a people who will be adopted and rapture read, he said there would be a people conformed to the image of the first born son, he said there would be sons of God who will manifest as sons of God. It's no longer a promise, it's no longer a Word, it's now a reality, the Word has become flesh. Because it is God working in you to will (to hear it and recognize it) and then to do (to manifest it, to act upon it).

40 122 Now, it isn't just a written Word to us; it's a reality. We are in Him. Now, we're enjoying Him; now we behold Him; now we see Him the Word manifesting Himself. It's hid out there, because why? It's veiled in human flesh. See? Oh, they say, "That bunch of people, where'd they go to school? What education do they have? What did they come from? What group do they belong to?" See, see, they don't get it. A man said to another man the other day, said, "You have to belong to a denomination to be a Christian." He said, "I am a Christian; I don't belong to any of them." Said, "God taken this cancer out of me," said, "now what do you think about that?" It was a doctor. He said, "Show me the denominations doing it." See? All right. See, it's still veiled.

41 123 We're inside of Christ. Now, as then, all true believers see Him, the Word of promise of this day openly manifested. T

42 And I would like to add, how do we see Him? Because as brother Branham taught us, "Faith only sees what God sees", and we have crucified ourselves and yet we are living, yet it is not our own life that we are living, but Christ is living our Life for us, and the life we are now living in the flesh we are living by the Faith of the Son of God, because "our faith, (the faith of Jesus), only sees what God sees".

43 Now, brother Branham continues, That's a big word if you can get it. See, see? All true believers that's in the Word see God openly; the veil's rent, and God stands openly before you, manifested. See? God, manifested openly...In order to do this our old denomination traditional veil must be rent again. In order to really see what it is, you've got to come out from among that stuff. See? You'll never do it; they'll keep pulling that veil before you every time: "Oh, there's nothing to that." But here it is written, and here it is made manifest. You see, see?

44 124 Now, what if a fellow refuses to see the sun, say, "Oh, there, I know God said 'Let there be light,' but there is no such a thing. I'm going down in the basement. I just refuse to see it"? The guy's crazy. There's something wrong with him. There's something wrong with a man or woman, can see the promise of God, and see It manifested, and then refuse to believe It because the denomination pulls the veil down. See, veiled...

45 125 In order to do this, our denomination traditional veils must be broke by God's Spirit of Fire and Sword,

which is His Word. Always His Word is His Sword. See? He took His Sword that day, full of Fire, and ripped that veil from top to bottom. He does the same thing with the same Sword today. Not "my creed, my book of creeds, my catechism." But the Sword of the Lord (See?), rips the veil down and you see God standing in plain view, manifested in His Word. What a glorious view to look at. See? All right. God's Holy Spirit and Fire, His Sword rips it; the Word rips the denominational veil.

46 126 What if you just said, "the Word," and the Word don't work? What good would the Sword be here and say It can't rip...?... and It won't rip? But when you lay that Sword of God up there and watch her rip, she's held by an ordained hand sent to do so. See, rips it open, and there He is. There it shows God plainly in view, the great Jehovah. That is His Word made manifest, the portion that's promised to the day. (There's your key right there) Do you get it? See? When the Sword promised of today, in this day, what's supposed to be, and God takes His Sword and rips down the denominational veil, and pulls it back, and manifests Himself, and shows that He's there. Still that same Pillar of Fire... Notice, that is the Word made manifest for today's promises.

47 And I believe when God showed His great Pillar of Fire over that church in Mbanza Ngungu, He showed us that He is still here, and he is verifying that what we are preaching is the Word for this late hour. It's Adoption time, It's manifestation of the sons of God time, It's conforming to the image of the first born son time. And God has come down and verified that to be the truth, because that is what God sent a prophet to do, to turn the hearts of the children to the Apostolic Fathers.

48 127 We see It as did Peter when he said to, "Lord, to whom would we go after seeing this?" Where would we go? What church could we join, when we're born in one? See? What could you... What denomination could you join after knowing this Truth (See?), when they every one deny it: every one of them, I haven't got a one that'll say a good thing for it. That's right. That's right.

49 128 I started off on these trips down here, where forty-two churches in one place was a sponsor, when I got there I had none. Every one said, "He believes in eternal security." That left the legalists out. One said, "He baptizes in Jesus' Name." That lets all the rest of them out. See? One of them said, "He believes in the serpent's seed. The serpent has no seed." That let...The Bible said, "I'll put enmity between her seed and the serpent's seed." See? See that it... The veil's been lifted off of the Word. See? That's right. It's revealed to babes. It's lifted; they see it. And will be as once said... That's right. Then it will be as once said, "When you see..." When this veil is took off of the Word, the traditions is taken off the Word, as Jesus once said, "When you see Me, you see the Father." See? God and His Word is One. Now you understand? When the Word is manifested, what is It? See?

50 129 Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures, you think you have... You believe in God, believe also in Me. If I do not the works of My Father, then don't believe Me. But if I do do the works, I and My Father are One. When you see Me, you have seen the Father." And when you see the Word made manifest, you see the Father God, because the Word is the Father; the Word is God. And the Word made manifest is God Himself taking His Own Word and manifesting It among believers. Nothing can make It live but believers, just believers. It's not... It won't...

51 Unveiling of God 64-0614M P:94 How about the people who say that they are veiled in the Presence of God and preach some church tradition (Oh, mercy, goodness,) which adds to and takes from, and everything else, like injecting their own subjects and their own thoughts, and not the Word of God? See? What kind of a veil? That's got an ecclesiastical veil. God tore that veil wide open. They say, "There is no such a thing as prophets. There is no such a thing in these last days as apostles and prophets. There is no such a thing as Divine healing. There is no such a thing as seers anymore. There is no such a thing as Mark 16 being fulfilled. Apostolic age is done." They veiled It from the people, but God walked right out with His Holy Spirit of fire and rent that thing from the top to the bottom. God has rent the veil.

52 Unveiling of God 64-0614M P:133 Notice, then we become part of Him, as you are the veil that veils Him. You are part of Him, as long as Christ is in you, as Christ was of God. Because God was in Him, made Him God. And as Christ is in you, the hope of glory, you become part of Christ. "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he also." See? You become part of Christ as long as Christ is hid in you. Then it's veiled to the unbeliever, but you know He is in you. You're templing Christ that's behind the veil, the skin. Then we become... behind... Because of this veil... The veil again, in human flesh, hides God the Word from the unbeliever.

53 Let us pray...