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## FOREWORD

Our publication entitled, "Exposition of Damnable Heresies" Books one to nine, dealt with most of the major doctrines and teachings of the Bible, and moreover, the message of Malachi 4: 5 & 6. They are in circulation in most of the major countries of the world. Many perversions and heresies were exposed. Thousands are tremendously blessed by our work, which majors on exposing heretics and heresies, and endeavors to establish the purity of the message. Questions keep pouring in from various quarters with an expressed desire to understand the truth concerning many subjects. Many answers were given for the past few years through personal mails and publication of our books. In fact, our ninth book was dedicated to questions and answers. However, the greatest volume of questions sent to us recently from ministers, deacons, elders and message believers are partly responsible for the writing of this Book entitled, "**Exposition of Damnable Heresies Questions & Answers: Shepherds/ Hirelings/ Wolves/ Goats & The sheep**". They have expressed, by their multitude of questions relative to the ministry of Christ and church functions in general, the desperate and urgent need of such a work.

The answers to such questions are sufficient for the completion of this most important work since it is fully supported by the scriptures and message of Malachi 4:5-6. The edification, which our associates, other ministers and message believers, have received from our previous work, won their confidence in us as ministers of the

mysteries of God, who are capable, by the ability of God, to answer their questions, which trouble the church of God worldwide, causing the sheep, as well as Shepherds, much sufferings, confusions of doctrines, standards and eventual divisions.

We feel obliged and under sworn obligation to God and men, not to betray this God given confidence and expectation of our associates, other servants of God and the sheep of God's pasture. Thus we approach this most vital subject of questions and answers, relative to the ministry of Christ, by the grace of God, and, as yielded vessels, fit and ready for the master's use, endeavoring to satisfy the hunger and thirst of gallant and humble servants of God and their flocks, locally and in foreign lands. The attitude of such servants of God, are unlike the proud, haughty, arrogant and know it all spirits of many preachers in the Western world.

*"The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet". {Proverbs 27:7}*

*"And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey". {Revelation 10:9}*

We, as local ministers of the western world, the Caribbean, North and I South America were confident, as able ministers of the gospel, that we could have completed this task, since such answers are established by God's grace and more than thirty five years of experience in preaching the Word of God and message of the hour. Our answers to these questions are not simply intellectual or theoretical, but are firmly based on practical establishment in our own lives, of such policies, qualifications, standards, conduct, order, and also in the congregation of the saints, since 1967, inspired by the born revivalist and first Martyr of the message of Malachi 4:5&6, Robert Lee Lambert, who stressed the establishment of such scriptural and message standards, since they have to do with the qualifications and requirements of the church of Christ to receive the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit like the day of Pentecost, which is to change and transform the Body of Christ for the long awaited rapture (Church ages, pg 376-380). Our associate ministers stood ready at the first notice and requests of answering these questions. Ministers and churches which are represented in this work are many, from the Caribbean, North and South America.

Also from other countries are, Pastor and distributor, Ronald Watson, of Karnataka, India, Minister brother and distributor, Emeka Echenwunne of Nigeria, Africa, chief distributor and fellowlaborer of Europe, Michael Gaitan and ministers who contend for the Faith, our fellow ministers and associates from Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria and Philippines.

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Included in this work, were vibrant young men and women, from Connecticut USA and Bethel {The House of God}, Trinidad W.I. Brother Ronald Jack had a most important contribution to this work, editing, locating scriptures, and identifying quotations of the prophet. Their work is of great importance and will benefit many around the world, and I am sure that they have a great reward bestowed in Heaven for them. May they be a part of this great revival and outpouring to come upon the endtime Bride.

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## INTRODUCTION

**T**his Book entitled: "**Exposition of Damnable Heresies Questions And Answer: Shepherds/Hirelings/Wolves/Goats & The sheep**", seeks to meet the needs of both Shepherds and Sheep, since we have recognized a great need world-wide, expressed to us by letters, reports to us of ministers misconduct, heresies, and hundreds of questions pertinent to the subject of the ministry and an expressed desire for this most important publication. Thus, this work represents the testimony, life, conduct, order and doctrine of the Apostles and Prophets, and Jesus Christ, the chief corner stone, which were restored by Malachi 4:5-6, the prophet, William Branham, and established in the hearts and lives of God's shepherds and his sheep, elected from the foundation of the world. We of the Caribbean, North and South America, who are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, are identified with this prophetic ministry, and the conduct, order and doctrines, established from the Holy Scriptures. As a result, we are hated, despised and rejected by the religious world and many message followers. We are identified with practical message standards. Though we have suffered much persecutions and separations in standing for the purity of the message, and even more for exposing damnable heresies and heretics around the world, we are determined to stand for the truth and the elect lady, the Bride of Christ. By this work, we endeavor to establish apostolic standards, to present unto message believers, ministers and others who represent Jesus Christ, a complete revelation of church operation and office functions, from God to the Janitor, and even the herding of goats. **This book can be well entitled, "The ministers manual"**, but the above title is preferred because it is designed to be **a sheep's manual**, to distinguish between true shepherds and hirelings. Thus it includes the true and false of the five-fold ministry,

prophets, heretics and heresies, in relation to the sheep, elders, deacons, helps and governments, their requirements, qualifications, conduct and misconduct, operation of gifts; their blessings and curses; music, songs, dances, special singers and song leaders. Included are water baptism, communion, feet washing, weddings, funerals, widows, superstitions, the door man, janitor and the herding of Goats.

We deem this work of great importance to remind ourselves, also to strengthen, edify and equip our associates around the world and all true shepherds and servants of Jesus Christ who endeavor to contend for the purity of the written Word and message of Elijah the prophet, Malachi 4:5 & 6.

The sheep have heard for years, from many preachers, through millions of sermons, their Do's and Don'ts elaborated and preached from the Bible and message of the hour, **but have seldom heard of the scriptural conduct, order, requirements and qualifications of ministers and elders. This work seeks to establish the short and long of the Do's and Don'ts of the ministry itself, and all related offices of the church of Jesus Christ.**

Questions, answers and exposition of heretical doctrines, which comprises this book, would include: who is a minister, if he is called of God or not, his requirements, qualifications, conduct, order and doctrine. It will expose the hireling in comparison to the true shepherd, who is worthy of double honor. It would continue to expose wolves in sheep's clothing, heretics and heresies, in various ways, without respect of persons, as evidently demonstrated in our previous work of nine books. We believe that this will be the first book of its kind ever written, for message believers to identify misconceptions and perversions of ministerial standards, requirements and qualifications, which were substituted for the original apostolic pattern and standards, which were restored and established by the prophet and the message of our age.

Therefore this book is intended to be a pastors' handbook, a reference and guide to identify falsehood in the form of hirelings, wolves and goats among the flock of God. **On the other hand, it is designed to also help the sheep to identify true shepherds from hireling and wolves. Thus, the only way to accomplish such a tremendous task is to give plain truth answers to plain truth questions, exclusively based upon the written Word and the revelation of the message of Malachi 4:5 & 6, Elijah the prophet, William Marrion Branham.**



*"Behold I send unto you Elijah the Prophet"*  
*William Marrion Branham*



**Pastor of Bethel Dalton Bruce.**

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## **SATAN'S FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY UNDER MALACHI 4: 5& 6's MESSAGE**

*"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine."*  
(John 10:11-14).

We say welcome to the Lord in his mighty presence. I have a very important mission, and that is, before me are many questions from Africa, India and from Europe, also there are others which could very well total about One hundred and fifty questions. Many of these are based upon the Ministry of Christ that now handles the message; handles the word of life. Questions that deal with deacons, ministers, their call, their do's, their don'ts and many other areas. I am speaking tonight not only to this visible

audience, but I speak generally to the overseas church. In answering these questions I want to make sure that I apply the scriptures and apply the quotations of Brother Branham. I don't know how many services it would take to complete these, but I feel led of the Lord to answer every one of these questions with the help of some of the minister brothers.

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**Question #119:**

**Heretical Article No. 122:**

"I am taught that all preachers are servants of God, though they differ in doctrine, they would eventually go in the rapture with the church. Is this true?"

**Answer:** There is only one answer to that question and it is, 'no!' Few are servants of God and many of servants of Satan. The entire Bible and all the Prophets attest to this simple fact. Our Lord Jesus rightly divided this in St. John Chapter 10, and he fitted ministers into three categories. He said: *"I am the good shepherd:..."* Number one. *"...the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling..."*, that's another class, *"...and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep."* (John 10:11-13). **We are dealing with three different classes of ministers right here. The good shepherd, the hireling and the wolf.** And to confirmed this third class which seems to be out of context, Jesus confirmed this in Matthew 7:15: *"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."* **You have the good shepherd, number one, you have the hireling, and you have the wolf in sheep's clothing, which is a false prophet.**

## FALSE PROPHETS ARE RAVENING WOLVES

**Quote:** 331-1 *"Beware of false prophets, for they are ravening wolves."* (Church.Age.Book Cpt.9).

There are two spirits, two great powers that rule the universe, two seeds which started in the garden of Eden, two vines and two kingdoms, summed up in the parable of the wheat and the tares; the children of God and the children of the Devil. The entire bible bears witness to this simple fact that there is good and there is evil. There are spirits that support the kingdom of God and there are spirits that support the kingdom of the devil. There are two seeds; one is evil and the other is good. There are two vines which came out of those seeds and ran through the human race, blossomed and bore fruits in our age and day. Their fruits have come to perfection.

There are two great kingdoms that are at war, and that is the kingdom of Satan against the kingdom of God. That battle between these two kingdoms is about ready to come to a climax. Revelation Chapter 12:7, bears out this fact: *"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought*

*and his angels.*" The negative, the false, the evil was cast down from heaven. Sin started in heaven not on earth. Ezekiel Chapter 28, the Lord speaking of Satan, that he made him perfect in all his ways, until iniquity was found in his heart. Sin started in heaven, unbelief started in heaven, rebellion started in heaven and two spirits were at war in the heavens. Two mighty forces were at war in the heaven, two kingdoms were at war in the heavens. The kingdom of Satan was cast down. Lucifer was cast down with his angels, with his spirits who turned against God. They came to earth. They disturbed the human race. That sin that came down from heaven, the knowledge of sin that came down from heaven disturbed the human race and brought the fall. It produced two seeds; one was evil and one was good. The Evil was Cain and the good was Abel. The kingdom of God suffereth violence and the violence taketh it by force, from the Garden of Eden with the murder of Abel, by the seed of the serpent who was religious, who was a prophet, a false one, because he claimed to have had a revelation from God that fruits would appease the angry God.

These two seeds travelled down throughout the Old Testament. As we read the books in the Bible, you would notice that course, right through every book of the Bible it is evil and good; war between evil and righteousness. God sending his prophets to bring his people back to righteousness, away from evil.

In the time of Noah, the earth was filled with violence; sin and wickedness overspread the earth (Genesis 6). It caused the Lord to destroy the world and save Noah and his family, a preacher of righteousness. God drowned the whole world, for their wickedness, with all their false preachers, with all their organizations, and with all their false preachers, with all their organisations, with all their bible schools.

**Therefore, this conception which is taught that all preachers are servants of God and though they differ in doctrine they will eventually go in the rapture with their churches, is a heresy; and we denounce it as a heresy, formulated by Satan himself, to protect his own kingdom. No, all preachers are not servants of God, few are servants of God, and many are servants of Satan.**

It came down through the Old Testament, and we can see the two vines still running into the New Testament. We find that false seed in the Pharisees, when our Lord Jesus came to the earth, he knew that very well. And he brought up this parable here of which they could not understand, He said, "*I am the good shepherd the hireling, sees the wolf coming and he fleeth*". He fought against the Pharisees "*Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth*". (John 8:44). "*Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?*" (Matthew 23:33). *John the Baptist seen that next group over there. Yes, he said, "O generation of vipers, (I relate you back to the Garden of Eden), who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? (Matthew 3:7).*

From Genesis to Revelation speak of false preachers and true preachers, false prophets and true prophets, children of Satan and children of God, and it is no less today. Right in religious circles we have them today. **All preachers are not servants of God. Whoever preaches that doctrine is in Satan's service, and is working for his kingdom. The world today is filled of false prophets and there are just few servants of God. They have filled the radio stations, filled the**

televisions, filled the Evangelical field, filled the churches, and even if this would offend, the whole religious world, outside of this message that came to us today by Malachi 4:5-6, is of the devil and is controlled by Satan and makes up a part of Satan's kingdom. We make no apologies for that

The evangelists on the field, radio preachers, television preachers and all that rejected the message of Brother Branham are false prophets, false pastors and false teachers. Satan was so slick that he wound himself right up at the supper table of God, manifested in human flesh, the Son of Man; and when the outpouring came on the day of Pentecost the spirit of Judas, which is the spirit of the devil, came back upon the tares, the children of the devil. And they are spoken about in the book of Revelation 2:6,9, as the Nicolaitans, as the synagogue of Satan and rejecters of Christ in the end time (*Revelation :3:14-22*). And in this world today they have come to perfection in all manner of deception and wicked lives, that it is very hard to find a servant of God. The Kingdom of God is suffering violence up to today and the violent is taking it by force. But soon the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. (*Revelation 11:15*). We live with this great hope.

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**Question#120:**

**Heretical Article No. 123:**

"We are taught that all preachers who preach the message of Malachi 4:5-6, are true servants of God; though they teach contrary to the message, they would lead their flock to the rapture. Is this true?"

**Answer:** The answer to this question is a big 'NO!' Few are God's servants others are wolfs and hirelings. In between the wolfs, and the hirelings are true shepherds. The good shepherd, he cares for the sheep and gives his life for the sheep; he loves the sheep.

**The hireling, who is he? His very name bears out who he is. He is preaching for a hire, he is a hireling he is a hired preacher: hire-ling.** He came into the gospel to find a job: for money, for house for lands for women. He fell by all three. So he is a thief and a robber. This fits the radio preachers, television preachers and all the big names around the world that followed the revival of Brother Branham in the early fifties, that made themselves millionaires and even billionaires, by jumping into that revival that was sent to the world which was a healing revival, that the prophet of God was sent with around the world, for fifteen long years. The prophet of God said:

**HAVE YOU IN CHURCH TO DRAW A CROWD TO BLEED THEM OF MONEY**

**Quote:** 34-2 "And right down in your heart you see what they're working you for-- have you in church. Why? To draw a crowd to bleed them of every bit of money they can get out of it. You think I don't know that? They might not think I know it, but I know it... Just weeding along until they think they can find

*something, pulling every penny that they can out of the people... (that make-believer)... just as Judas." (Three kinds of believers 63-1124E).*

There are three kinds of believers. **All Preachers who preach this message are not the servants of God. We have good shepherds right through the world. We have hirelings right through the world now preaching the message for hire.** They have an outstretched arm for money, they are not ashamed to give you their bank account number, they are not ashamed to tell you to give me a thousand dollars or give me five thousand dollars or buy me a motor car or build me a house. Hire-ling.

The difference between this hireling and the true shepherd is clearly set forth in St. John 10. Jesus gave you the description of the true shepherd. He used that statement more than once, "I am the good shepherd", they are shepherds under him and there are also goats. And he gives you the description of the hireling. He says that the hireling sees the wolf coming and he fleeth and allows the wolf to come in and scatter the sheep. And that is the same thing that has happened in the message. **These hirelings that are not born shepherds, called shepherds, trained shepherds, sent shepherds, who are over the flock of God worldwide, they make a way for the false prophets to come in and ruin the sheep. They make the way for the false prophets which are the wolves in sheep clothing, to preach on their pulpits, to bring in heresies, to preach a love gospel, to preach this kind of heresy and say that everybody that preaches the message are God's servants and eventually they will lead their church into the rapture. It's a heresy, it's of the devil, and this was orchestrated from hell itself and conveyed to the message people around the world by preachers in Satan service.**

This is orchestrated in order to hide the wolf and the hireling. The true shepherd will come out there and give his life for the sheep. The true shepherd will come out there and expose heresies; the true shepherd will come there and fight with the wolf. He will expose the false prophets; he would beat the skin of the sheep from the wolf, with the shepherd staff and expose the wolf in sheep's clothing.

This kind of teaching were put together by the hireling himself, to protect the wolf, the wolf who he may be following is in America, it may be a head man in Germany, it may be some big brain man in India, Europe, or the Caribbean it may be some big brain man over in Africa, and the hireling himself made up this heresy to keep the false prophet (the wolf) under cover. When you meet a true Shepherd he will beat the sheep skin off the wolf; and I trust that this answer to this question beat the sheep skin off these wolves. This is called 'the love gospel.' This is an item from the 'love gospel', which advocates that "Nobody should fight, nobody should quarrel, love one another, overlook the errors on doctrines." The hireling, he is working for the tithes. He is working for the offering. The day he cannot get enough tithes and offerings he is going to get other sheep. This hireling is interested in drinking the milk of the sheep. He is interested in eating the meat of the sheep, but he does not love the sheep as the Shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, these false prophets coming into the congregation, from United States, from all these big industrialized countries, and this false prophet come in their as a wolf in sheep's clothing, preaching the love gospel, then the hireling take his seat and leave the

pulpit open for the wolf to come and devour the sheep with his false doctrines and his heresies.

**Few are the servants of God who preach this message. Few are really Shepherds, but we have many hirelings. There are men that have ascended the pulpit in many countries of the world in order to make a living.** They gather five or ten or fifteen sheep and they are living off the tithes and offerings even because it's an easier job. Their motives and objectives are wrong, and that is one of the great test to know if a man is called, that Brother Branham brought out on the message called "ministers conference", now called "Questions and Answers".

### WHAT IS YOUR MOTIVE FOR PREACHING

**Quote:** *"Now, there's a great trick there that the enemy can play on you...make you think you are called when you're not called... make sure that your calling comes from God, and then **check your motives and objectives...What is your motive for preaching? Was it just... You think it was a easier job than what you have? Then you'd better forget it; it wasn't a call.** (Ques. & Ans. 61-0112).*

There are preachers who have opened churches through out the world and in a lot of poverty stricken countries, they have two or three members, and send letters out, and big names around the world, saying that they are ministers, that they have big churches, they have rubber stamps, and solicit money from these false prophets, and those false prophets are willing to pay money in order to use these hirelings in these countries.

The day is evil. Bible prophecies of the end time confirm this truth, that all preachers who preach this message are not God's servants, and not everybody that preaches from a spoken word book and quote the tapes of Brother Branham, Malachi 4, is of God. The bible said:

*"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." (1 Timothy 4:1-3).*

This prophecy fits the people that now follow this message, and those that rejected the faith and rejected the message of William Branham from so-called Pentecost.

Before you could reject the faith, it must be restored. You must come close to that faith and you must hear a man preaching that faith. And Malachi 4 was sent unto us to restore us back to the faith of the forefathers, and the spirit was speaking expressly in Brother Paul, that some shall depart from the faith in the latter times, the faith that was restored today by Malachi 4, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrine of devils. There are seducing spirits in around the message of the hour and doctrines of devils now preached under the banner of the message of the hour, under the banner of William Branham and message believers. Prophecy fulfilled to the letter.

**Many have departed from the faith giving heed to these seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, example: "Seven thunders revealed by Brother Branham in 1963" is a doctrine of the devil, "blood is off the mercy seat": doctrine of the devil, "the Spirit of God is already outpoured and the capstone is here": doctrine of the devil, "the church is already placed in it's rightful position", doctrine of the devil, "Santiago is the covenant angel, Revelation 10; 1, God manifested in human flesh" is a doctrine of the devil, "Lawrie is the tenth incarnation of the Hindu God called Krishna" is a doctrine of the devil, "Mr. Coleman received the thunders first in New York" is a doctrine of the devil, "Vin Dayal is the white horse rider here in Trinidad" is a doctrine of the devil.**

Brother John the apostle, Peter, Brother Paul, all those apostles spoke of false seeds creeping in under the message of the hour. Brother Branham came and restored the message of Apostle Paul; he said that he preached exactly what Paul preached. And just as these spirits crept under that first message, here they are creeping under this message and have crept very far and are right up to the supper table. Brother Peter expressed himself in this way:

*"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." (II Peter 2:1-2).*

All these are prophecies, and master of all prophecies is in Luke 21, and Matthew 24, when Jesus said concerning the sign of his coming, the first sign that he gave them, he said; *"And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ. (Luke 21:8)* And if you notice around the world and around this message, how many people claim to be Christ and the incarnation of Christ and Revelation 10: 1, you must know that it's prophecy fulfilled.

Jesus said of these false prophets in the end-time: *"For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many...For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets" (Matthew 24:5, 24).*

Now we are living in that day; we are living in that time all the preachers who are preaching this message is not of God. "If they are not of God preacher, who are they?" We have prophecies fulfilled in the end-time, **false anointed ones are now carrying this message by the tens of thousand**, seducing spirits that Brother Paul prophesied about, false prophets and false teachers who Brother Peter prophesied about, anti-Christ that Brother John spoke about. He said even now in my age, two thousand years ago, there are many false prophets. *(1 John 2:18)*. What is it today? All these prophecies in the end-time are heaped up over here under the message of the hour.

**All who preach this message is not of God; all who handle the Word of God are not servants of God. The majority are servants of the devil, false anointed ones, false prophets, false teachers, and antichrists, according to the Bible.**

These scriptures were also confirmed by Malachi 4, Brother Branham, by visions and dreams, and I will briefly refer you to one. There was a dream that he interpreted in 1965 from the message call "And knoweth it not". There was a white horse rider and he was riding that white horse, and there was a false prophet upon a black and white horse, who was trying to bump the white horse off the trail.

### **HE TOOK HIS LITTLE HORSE, TRYING TO KNOCK YOUR BIG HORSE OFF**

**Quote:** 33-1 *"Brother Branham, ...there you was standing there on a horse, that I never seen anything like it in my life: great white horse... You was dressed like an Indian Chief... I seen this man that called himself a prophet... "He come up on a horse that was mixed with white and black together." And said, "He got up behind this great big horse... he took his little horse, trying to knock your big horse off... You turned around and called the man by name and said, 'Get off of here.' You know that no man can ride this road here, without God be ordained him to do it. Get off of here." (Knoweth It Not 65-0815).*

**That vision brings out that there will be false prophets and the false anointed ones trying to destroy the message of William Branham in the endtime,** and they will come right up to the message and try to bump off the white horse from the trail, but there will come a time when the white horse rider will drive them off the trail. We shall prevail.

There was a vision that the man of God seen that bear witness of the times in which we are living and the unbelief in the hearts of preachers in the endtime, and that was a mamba snake at Jordan, that the church was about ready to cross over to the promise land like in the days of Moses, and the people at that time at Kadesh Barnea disbelieved the promise of God, and the reason that they disbelieved the promise of God was because of preachers that went over into the promise land and brought back a lying report, that they could not take the land.

### **THE SNAKE, OF COURSE, REPRESENTS SIN, DEATH**

**Quote:** 56 *"And now, in the visions... I was standing on the map of Palestine... And I looked across Jordan, and I said, "Oh, praise God, **just on the other side is where all the promises lay.** Every promise lays in the promised land... and here come a huge monster snake.. And he crawled up on the highway... **it was a mamba...And the snake, of course, represents sin, death.**" (Paradox 61-1210).*

These preachers are right now in the message. There were ten spies back there. There may be about one hundred thousand spies today, around the message, now handling the message, preaching that all is over, preaching that "the third pull is already fulfilled, the tent vision already took place, Brother Branham must be resurrected if anything has to take place; the millennium has already started; there is no physical return of the Lord Jesus." All these are heresies. And most of all, they preach that there cannot be another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It's the same lies that the spies came with, that we cannot take the Land. But in this very age the Holy

Spirit will be crying out today, "We are more than able to take the Land!" **And there will be a people today in type of Caleb, that with the revelation of the Holy Spirit and say, "We are more than able to take the Land; all these giants of unbelief, they are bread for us."**

### **LET US STAND LIKE JOSHUA AND CALEB**

**Quote:** 120-5 **"Now, let us stand like Joshua and Caleb as we see the promised land coming in sight. It's nearing the time to be given. "Joshua" in Hebrew means "Saviour" and represents the promised end time leader to take the church over. Caleb represents the true believer who stayed with Joshua. (Spoken Word Original Seed 62-0318e).**

These devils were prophesied to be here, handling and mishandling the message that was restored by William Branham, as certainly as they mishandled the message that was brought by Brother Paul. Today that message is restored and the same spirits that perverted the message in that early age, is here doing the same. The perversions were so little that Brother Paul said that you cannot even call it another gospel. *"Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. (Galatians 1:7).* He said, *but there are two gospels over here now; "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Galatians 1:8).* **And that is what we are saying here today from the voice of Bethel. "If any man tries to change the message of William Branham let him be accursed! As we said before so say we now again! Though we or an Angel come from heaven and try to change the message of William Branham let him be accursed!"**

This mamba at the Jordan, preachers promoted that, and today we have these preachers with unbelief in their souls, perverting the Word of God, damning the people souls, telling them that we cannot go back to Pentecost, when the prophet of God made that very plain on Church Ages page 376 to 380. He said there must have necessity be a return of dynamic power! It will be the harvest rain, the final quickening for the rapture. **No power no rapture; no outpouring no rapture.**

### **A RETURN OF DYNAMIC POWER - FINAL QUICKENING UNTO THE RAPTURE**

**Quote:** 377-2 **"The true church would return to being the bride she was at Pentecost, we know that there must of necessity be a return of dynamic power... Thus what was thought to be the restoration and the final quickening unto the rapture had not come... In her will be the fullness of Pentecost for the Spirit will bring the people right back to where they were at the beginning. That is "Thus saith the Lord... Next will come the harvest rain or rapturing faith" (Church Age Book Cpt.10).**

This prophesy was brought out in the two sowers, Church Ages pg. 168, a man dressed in white and a man dressed in black.

## **AFTER THE SOWER IN WHITE HAD GONE, A MAN IN BLACK SOWED SEEDS**

**Quote:** 168-1 "I saw in the vision a man dressed in the purest white who went forth into a freshly plowed field and sowed grain... **after the sower in white had gone, a man in black came and stealthily sowed some more seed amongst that which the man in white had sown.** (Church.Age.Book Cpt.5).

**Quote:** 16 "Around come a man, he was dressed in black, and he was throwing **weed seeds** all over it." (Seed.Of.Discrepancy 65-0118).

The man dressed in white was the Son of Man, revealing himself through William Branham, sowing the seeds around the world. The man dressed in black was the false anointed ones. That false anointed one went out sowing his seed when Brother Branham turned his back; that's what the vision said.

**So right now we have that fellow dressed in black going around sowing seeds of discrepancy. Seeds of discrepancy are that "Seven Thunders were revealed by Brother Branham, it's a lie of the devil; "the blood is off the mercy seat". That the Seven Trumpets are revealed; the Seven Trumpets were preached by Vin Dayal". It's a lie of the devil! Seeds of discrepancy are that "the millennium started"; seeds of discrepancy are that "we should no longer take communion because Christ has returned; it's until he comes". "There is no physical return of the Lord Jesus, he has only returned in Perousia form, which is His presence". Seeds of discrepancy.**

In Type ten spies who went over into Canaan Land and have seen the Word of Power demonstrated by William Branham, tasted of the good Word of God to come and denied the promise of God after that. **What do we have handling this message today? We have the false anointed one handling the message, we have the hirelings, we have devils incarnated in human flesh, false prophets, false apostles, false teachers, and in between them right around the world, you have the true shepherds.** I am not preaching fanaticism that this church alone has God's people. **I believe that God's people are scattered through Africa, scattered through India, and scattered through the whole world. But I believe that in between the people of God are the tares; children of the wicked one, Cain's seed, false anointed ones, have the children of God in bondage.**

**That was brought out in the House of Hell vision that Brother Branham had.** But in that House of Hell vision, there was a time of deliverance.

These false teachers, false prophets, false apostles, black horse rider, mamba snake at the Jordan, and all these kinds of negative spirits of the devil have the children of God in bondage. **Right now many children of God are in bondage. We can hear the cries from behind the prison bars.**

## **SHE WAS CRYING, SAYING, "DELIVER THE PEOPLE, BROTHER BRANHAM"**

**Quote:** 24 "And she said, "Brother Branham, deliver us from this." Said, "**This is a house of hell.**"... I looked over there, and like a great big cellar, or--or big walls, down beneath a great big cave, and great iron bars, eight or ten inches thick. And people, out of their mind, twisted arms and legs, beating their head like that. And **she was crying, saying, "Deliver the people, Brother Branham."**... So I said, "House of hell, give away to the Name of Jesus Christ." And all the creaking and popping, and the rocks a-rolling, and bars a-falling; **and people running, screaming, "Delivered!" and screaming at the top of their voice, and was all delivered.**" (Works.Is.Faith.Expressed 65-1126).

**They kept away the tapes and they kept away the books from the people in order to keep them in bondage.** Can you imagine that after many years following the message, ministers would be begging for a 7 Seals book and a Church Ages book and begging for quotations? That is the method that a lot of these false prophets use to keep the people in ignorance in Africa, India, and other poorer countries. But their days are numbered. **Their time is coming when the white horse rider, Christ in another apostolic ministry, will drive them off the trail.**

Let me say this here in answering this question; **the false anointed ones are based in the United States.** They are the ones that have exported their heresies, and their wicked spirits to the rest of the world. Now I am speaking this on scriptural grounds and also based on the message of the Prophet. The proudest nation on Earth is America. The most unspiritual nation of the world is America, and she is a cursed nation according to the message of the hour, and she has the world looking up to her as a Christian nation looking up to her as spiritual.

And the preachers of America have the people in the message believing that they are spiritual but they are unspiritual.

**The false anointed one is based in the United States. Let me prove that to you right now;** Malachi 4:5-6, William Branham, God's servant and prophet, was sent to the land of America to expose Satan. When Satan was exposed there, by the opening of the Seals, that is where he sent his most powerful weapons to combat the opening of the Seals, the message of William Branham and Christ. Revelation 10:1, which was fulfilled in the United States. Therefore the antichrist and the false anointed ones had to be in the land of America in order to do battle with Christ! Further proof; America will finally become the seat of the World Council of Churches, and will use her political and religious influence to command the whole world to make an image to the beast, which is to form the World Council of Churches that resembles the Catholic Church. It's a cursed nation. The proudest nation upon Earth is America. **God has a handful of people yet in America who are children of God and who are a part of the Bride of Jesus Christ, but the nation itself is cursed.**

Every organization is cursed for rejecting William Branham and his message. Out of these organizations came the false anointed ones, false prophets and false teachers, who took up the message of William Branham, took up the tapes of William Branham, read two Spoken Word books, made heresies out of it and exported it to Africa, India, Europe and the other countries. They carried their heresies to damn

those people, but God has a chosen number, in Africa, India, Japan, China and the rest of the world who have not bowed their knees unto Baal.

Far as America as a nation is concerned, she's a cursed nation. That is why America is against these Exposition books. There is just a handful that adheres to these expositions, even because it's the seat of the devil for the World Council of Churches. **The proudest letters that I ever received are from preachers in the United States** and I want to further prove by Brother Branham's vision, that the false anointed one who was trying to bump the white horse was not in Africa, not in India, but it was in the land of America. Brother Branham said that he came from towards Canada, and he said that man's name - I know him, Daulton's son in law had a dog by his name.

### **THIS GUY CAME FROM TOWARDS CANADA**

**Quote:** 33-2 **"This guy run up behind you, came from towards Canada."** (And the man lives in Canada.) And he said, "Come back and said he took his little horse, trying to knock your big horse off."

**Quote:** 35-5 "Leo Mercier, coming down with exactly the same dream, about trying to breed a big white stallion to a black mare... **Ed Daulton son-in-law had a dog with this name.**" (Knoweth It Not 65-0815).

There was a brother called Daulton. He said the name of Daulton's son in law's dog - **when you come to find what was the name of Daulton's son in law's dog you will know the name of that prophet. He was representing all false anointed ones in America.** And to try to hit that white horse off the trail the land of North America must be the place of the false anointed ones to combat Christ the opening of the Seals, and finally the seventh seal when it is broken to the public in power to vindicate the coming of Christ and the third pull in the bride.

**They have exported their heresies into Africa and India. That is why all these questions are coming.** These false anointed ones from America and from Europe, went to those countries and lied to the people, telling them that they were with Brother Branham, and as long as Brother Branham ordained them, and recognized their ministry they are of God. They are all false prophets! **Yes. And the same way they try to control the world through politics, they try to control religion through their heresies.** They take advantage of the poor people in Africa and India and the rest of the world on account of their poverty. These false anointed ones and false prophets **go over there and buy the people, give them money and sweeten them up with all kinds of gifts. Damn them by the thousands and tens of thousands.** False prophets! Preaching to them that Brother Branham is going to resurrect. Preaching to them that all is over. **Preaching to them that the 'Tent Vision' is fulfilled. Preach to them that there is no Third Pull Ministry coming. Preach to them that there is no Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. But there shall be an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit! We believe it with all our hearts! How many believe these things? [Congregation says, "Amen!"] I believe, help Thou my unbelief!**

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## Question# 121:

## Heretical Article No. 124:

"We, as believers, are chastised by ministers for divisions in the Message. I believe the problem is in the ministry. Please correct me; am I wrong?"

**Answer:** Around the world we hear from the mouth of ministers all the do's and don'ts that the church should obey, but **we seldom hear of the do's and the don'ts that the minister should obey, because if these ministers preach these things they will expose themselves.** Yes! Their wives rule them around. Their children are unruly in their own homes. Their wives are in tight skirts, some of them in chopped off hair and claim to be born again and have the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They have some of these women writing and explaining the Message and the Bible in their literature. They are in high heel shoes and they are on the sports field. That is why we don't hear of the do's and the don'ts of the ministers. Yes. But these questions will bring out the do's and the don'ts of both the congregation and the ministers. My brother, who get vex please themselves!

Here they blame the congregation for the divisions, because they are not praying enough, because they are not united enough. This person is suggesting; he said, "**I believe the problem is in the ministry, please correct me; am I wrong?**" No, my brother, you are right!

I could confirm that right now from St. John 10, '*... the hireling seeth the wolf coming and he fleeth, and the wolf comes and scatter the sheep.*' So, you are not the problem, believers of this Message are not all together the problem, though we have the children of Satan, the tares who are always ready to cater to the false prophet and the hireling. There are people who don't want truth. All they want is to belong to a church. They want membership. We have those kinds of people, three kinds of believers. **But the main problem is not with the people. The main problem is with the hirelings. The main problem is with the wolves.** The Bible says they are the ones who are scattering the sheep.

And we can put that right back in the Scriptures. The hirelings are fighting with one another for more wages. To get more wages they want more members. They want more sheep. They want more wool. They want more milk. They turn around and blame the sheep for the divisions. The sheep is not causing the divisions.

### WHY DIVISIONS AMONGST US - THE TEACHERS LACK THAT REVELATION

**Quote:** 45-3 *By lack of this revelation is why we have so many different divisions among us and so much mockery, so much division among us, is because the people lack that revelation. See, they lack that revelation: the teachers.*" (Christ.Is.The.Mystery 63-0728).

There are five major doctrinal divisions in this Message. It is documented in book 4 "Exposition Of Damnable Heresies" that all the divisions around the world are

summed up in five major doctrinal divisions, and we belong to the last division, and the last division says; **'There is another Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, coming and all that God promised through His Prophet, William Branham will be fulfilled in the End-time by the Bride of Christ. We belong to that division.**

The wolf is the problem and the hireling is the problem. This hireling and this wolf are against the true shepherd. The true shepherd is a deadly enemy to the hireling and the wolf. The hireling is a fellow that is not called to the service of God. He doesn't have that real love for the sheep. He is there for wages. He is there for a job. He changed offices from the organization and came behind the pulpit to preach the Message. He came over with the same seed, same spirit, and his same seeds of discrepancy from the organizations. That's the man that is causing the problem.

Oh, there was a great company of people that left Egypt land. They were in one accord. They had one vision, and that vision was to go to a Land flowing with milk and honey. One vision under Moses. Beloved, the people had one vision under William Branham today and that is another revival, a Third Pull Ministry and another Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which is a type of that "Land". Look and see if it was the people's problem or whose problem it was under Moses as they journeyed to that Promised Land. It was not the millions of people that followed Moses that was causing the problem. My brother, there was a jealous Abiram, a jealous Korah and a next fellow called Dathan, and two hundred and fifty princes. Everybody wanted to be a Moses. They wanted a bigger position than what they had and they were filled with unbelief. Yes. Who was causing the division? Who was crying out 'let us stone him with stones'? Korah, Abiram and Dathan were the men behind all of that throughout the wilderness. Who were the ones that deceived them at Kadesh Barnea? Not the ten spies that went over into Canaan's Land? When they went into Canaan's Land those were the people that said, 'we are not able to take the land". And do you notice what happened, after they killed those ten spies, do you realize that the people were ready to go up and take the Land after they got rid of those preachers? My brother, the Lord is coming with a mighty ministry. He is coming to drive that false prophet off the trail! He is coming again, my brother, to destroy those Ten Spies. He is coming to expose the False Anointed Ones by the Ministry of the Seventh Seal. **That is why God reserved the opening of the Seventh Seal to the public, even because in that Ministry is the exposition of the False Anointed One to the Bride around the world.** It is coming, and it is coming in power. **They are not going to hear the Seventh Seal in public without the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Seventh Seal must go to the world in power,** yes a type of the Day of Pentecost. In type, Brother Peter broke the Seventh Seal on the Day of Pentecost, only after the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. You say, "How do you type that preacher?" After the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit Peter walked out there, the man with the Keys to the Kingdom. He said, *"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."* (Acts 2:36), in type, the Seventh Seal was opened; from under the Roman seal the resurrected Christ came forth.

Oh yes. Chastising believers. It's the day when these False Anointed Ones are taking advantage of the children of God, giving them hog food to eat, garbage, keep the books away from them, keep vital quotations away from them, keep away the Seals book from them, keep away the Church Ages. But brothers and sisters **let us**

**join together and make sure that the people of God have all the quotations that they want.** It is going out on these Exposition of Damnable Heresies. How many are with me? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] Give Him a praise offering.

Yes my brothers and sister across the seas, you are not the problem that is causing the divisions. It's not the lack of prayer; it's not the lack of unity. But Brother Paul said that there are heresies among you and if there be heresies among you there are also divisions among you. (*1 Corinthians 11: 18-19*). It's the heresies that are causing the divisions. False Anointed Ones are causing the division. The man on the black and white horse is causing the division. The man dressed in black sowing seeds of discrepancy, he is causing the divisions. False spirits, they are causing the divisions. Yes my beloved, let us appreciate the things that we are hearing.

They are not the problem. Who was the problem amongst the Apostles and their unity? The Bible said that the Apostles were carried away by a dissension of Judas. He was the one that caused the sheep to be scattered. Smite the shepherd and the sheep shall be scattered. That hireling, Judas the Hireling. The False Anointed. The wolf in sheep clothing. He was so clothed with the wool that none of the Apostles could pick out the deceiver and the betrayer. They preferred to have blamed their own selves and ask the Lord "is it I?"

**That false anointed one is slick my brother. He's full of fruits, he is full of nice words, yes. He speaks in such a way that it could even deceive the elect if it were possible.**

**Who were the ones causing the division?** Was it the people or was it false brethren in the days of Brother Paul? False brethren came in to spy out the liberty of the church. (*Galatians 2:4*). Those were the ones that were causing the divisions. Not you people in Africa, **not you people in India, not you people around the world. It's the False Anointed Ones; it's the Hireling and the wolf that come in there and scatter the sheep.**

Peter met them in his day, John met them in his day, Jude met them in his day and let them have it. He said, "**Certain men have crept in unawares...** ordained to this condemnation", (*Jude 1:4*) seeds of the serpent, False Anointed Ones. Certain men: False Anointed Ones under the Message. Certain men dressed in black sowing corruptible seeds. Certain men: seducers, perverters of the Message. Certain men crept in under the Message today riding on black and white horses. Heretics! Yes my friends.

**Then chastise the sheep. You hireling! Beat the sheep into subjection. Telling them that they are the problem. You are the problem you False Prophet! God is coming to curse you by the Ministry of the Seventh Seal that would be broken to the public!**

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**Question#122:**

**Heretical Article No. 125:**

**Answer:** Yes my beloved I will help. **The most unspiritual preachers of the Message of Malachi 4 are in United States.** Those people don't study the books, many of them don't study the tapes. **I know of one church in the whole of United States that is versed in the Message and that is in Connecticut, U.S.A. Only one church that I know, that dress morally and have the Spirit of God among them.** And I believe that God is going to use that church one of these days to bring condemnation to all false prophets, false teachers and seeds of the serpent, in the U.S.A

To say "seed of the serpent" on the pulpit is 'bad manners' you know. But hear Brother Jude, he said certain men have crept in unawares. Yes, they came in there like a cat, unawares, ordained to this condemnation. He said, "Contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints. (*Jude 1:3-4*) Fight; do battle for the faith that was once delivered unto us by William Branham through the Son of Man. We are doing battle, we are fighting, we are exposing, the devil.

These false prophets are the ones who cause all these problems. "We feel compelled to believe ministers who come to us from the U.S.A." **They are the most unspiritual preachers denying the Promise of God. Explaining away the Promises of God. Sit down in their dead condition awaiting Brother Branham's resurrection. Preaching that all is over and make books and they send it through the world and, send it through the internet. Yes, it's only unbelief that you could find from their mouths; it's a cursed nation. Yes sir! you don't have to feel compelled to believe those ministers who come to you from the United States. Why "Because they know the Message?" They don't know nothing about the Message! If they knew about the Message they would not be preaching that all is over, they'll be preaching an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Yes. They would not sit down and wait for Brother Branham's resurrection. Let that fit where it will! From the Branham Tabernacle come right up to California wherever that fits! All who sit and wait for the resurrection of Brother Branham are idolaters! Yes sir! Idolaters.**

They know the Message, and because they met the Prophet, **Is that a credential to prove that you are a true servant of God? They forgot that Judas met the Prophet Jesus? They forgot that two million met the Prophet Moses in the wilderness? What happened to these people? They're very forgetful. Judas was right up at the Supper Table and he was the devil incarnated in human flesh. Came from hell and went back to hell.** Because they met the Prophet? Seventy others met the Prophet and could not take the revelation of the Son of Man and walked with him no more. (*St. John 6:53-66*).

So when they bring these "*credentials*" to you in the Caribbean here or there in Africa, India, wherever you are, and they boast themselves of meeting the Prophet, tell them that Esau met a prophet too onetime, and he was a fornicator, not only met the Prophet, but he was the son of a prophet. **Not because you're are a son of a prophet you're a child of God. You could be an incarnated devil like Esau and seek repentance and no repentance given you. Rightly divide the Word of God.**

Met the Prophet? You could be a son of a prophet and be a devil. Wasn't Ishmael the son of Abraham, and he was the son of the bondwoman and not heir to the Promise of God?

And it says, "*Because they are the five-fold ministry*". That's a mouthful. They are the five-fold ministry? Which five-fold ministry? **There are two five-fold ministries. One of the devil and one of God.** And anyone who preaches these heresies that comes from America, comes from Germany and comes from all those industrialized countries, my beloved, are false prophets. Anything that preaches those things is the devil's five-fold ministry. I make no apology. And as I go along in this lesson I am going to challenge the "five-fold ministry". Yes! **Let me send out a challenge right here around the world. I want somebody to show me the five-fold ministry set in order.** You cannot show me that. Show me the five-fold ministry set in their respective order and position. You cannot do that. So much for that until I pick it up a little later.

That interpretation is wrong and it's a heresy. Preachers of the United States are the most unspiritual in the world and the proudest in the world! They belong to a cursed nation from where the Spirit of God has taken His flight and has gone into your countries, into Africa and India seeking souls. Brother Branham said that, "*The Holy Spirit has taken flight from United States and has gone to foreign lands seeking souls.*"

**HOLY SPIRIT FLEW AWAY FROM US, AND SHE'S GONE OVERSEAS**  
**Quote:** *E-56 "The Holy Spirit flew away from us, and She's gone overseas hunting lambs to dwell in." (Making The Valley Full Of Ditches 56-0728).*

**All you Africans who are fighting to come to America to live, you don't know what you are doing. You are in the best place spiritually. God has a great harvest in Africa, as well as India. And for you to leave Africa because of poverty and want to come to America for better living, you are selling your birthright. Stay right there and hold on to the Message of the Hour.** The Lord has poverty in India and Africa in order to soften the people's heart, that **when the Seventh Seal is broken to the public and the Ministry goes out that they might receive the revelation,** because the heaviness of the heart makes the heart better.

The U.S.A is the seat of the World Council of Churches. Many of these people in the United States don't know anything about the Presence of God, know nothing about the Spirit of God. They have never experienced the Presence of God; the Holy Spirit fled from that nation and went into other nations.

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**Question#123:**

**Heretical Article No. 126:**

p> "Are divisions around the Message because of a lack of growth in the five-fold ministry, but all will agree before they go in the Rapture?"

**Answer:: No! The divisions are because of the wolves. The divisions are because of the hireling. The divisions are because of the true shepherd separating the sheep from the goat and standing for what is right.** That is why we are a hated people here at Bethel. **It's not a matter of lack of "growth" is a matter of lack of "birth". Before you grow you got to be born,** and the False Anointed One cannot be born again. The rider on the black and white horse cannot be born again. The false prophet cannot be born again if he is born unto condemnation. They are all born from a corruptible seed. They can only grow into more heresy. They can only produce more heretics, but they cannot grow up into the stature of a perfect man.

No! The answer is **no! The divisions and contentions in the message are not because of a lack of growth! It's a lack of birth;** and many of those preachers who are preaching to those people are not born again. They were born in organization from a corruptible seed. They were born from New York from a corruptible seed. They were born from a corruptible seed that all is over, born from a corruptible seed that there is no more power coming to the bride. They got their birth from a cursed nation over there in America; they got their birth from the false anointed ones. They will never be born again, as long as they are bad seeds.

**Are you telling me that Judas failures were because of a lack of growth?** Come on preachers; are you telling me the dissension that Judas caused among the apostles was because of a lack of growth. No, it was a lack of birth. And because he was not born again he did not go up to Pentecost because he could not get the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. O yes! That is a heresy.

"Lack of growth."! That's another invention of the love gospel, another invention of Satan to hide the hireling; another invention of Satan to hide the wolf. They try to make it look like "there are divisions on the message, because the people are just a little different in the message and because they didn't get spiritual enough, so it is just a matter of a lack or growth". It is a lack of birth! O yes.

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What was the motive and objective of Judas? Money! He wanted pay for preaching, and it was not coming fast enough, so he stole it from the moneybag. That proves that he was a hireling? He passed being hireling. He was a wolf in sheep's clothing.

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**Question#124:**

**Heretical Article No. 127:**

"Some thinks that Satan does not have a five-fold ministry, only God does. Can you identify such in the scriptures?"

**Answer:** This is contrary to the Word of God, because we believe that Satan does have a five-fold ministry, as certain as God has a five-fold ministry. To make such statement is heresy and to be working for the kingdom of Satan.

**When we go about saying that Satan does not have a five-fold ministry then we allow his servants to stand behind the pulpit and be identified also as God's servants. Therefore this is contrary to the Word of God. The answer to this question is: No! That is not correct. But yes, Satan does have a five-fold ministry in operation in religious circles, organizations and presently around the Message of the Hour.**

This is confirmed by scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. Since the dawn of creation of man, there was always a negative and a positive. It started off in the Garden of Eden with two trees; one of Life, the other of Death. Creation itself started off with darkness and then the Lord said, "Let there be light." As certain as there is light there is darkness.

**Everything that God does Satan impersonates. In the line of gifts, prophetic gifts, apostolic gifts, pastors, teachers, evangelists, also the five-fold ministry, Satan impersonates that.** And right in the Garden of Eden we could see that we had two preachers; one false and one true. God was the first preacher who came there and preached the law unto Adam and Eve. He said, "the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die." (Genesis 2:17). He set laws and commandments. The first gospel of our Lord, he pointed out the negative and the positive. He warned about the Evil Tree and he spoke of the Good Tree that was in the Garden of Eden.

God was the first preacher and Satan was the evil one. I believe that Satan himself has a five-fold ministry in him. Just as the Lord Jesus when he came, he had a five-fold ministry in him. Satan impersonated that five-fold ministry in the New Testament. Definitely there is a five-fold ministry of Satan and a five-fold ministry of the Lord. And right there we could examine what is a good preacher. A good preacher will always point out the Evil Tree. And in the Lord's first sermon to mankind he made sure and he exposed the heretic and his heresy. So from the Garden of Eden we had an exposition of damnable heresies and we had a heretic in the Garden of Eden. Nobody could doubt that the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was Satan himself, and the Tree of Life was the Lord Jesus Christ.

So there is a five-fold ministry of Satan and a five-fold ministry of the Lord. The Five-fold ministry of Satan can be identified in the scriptures. In a broad sense and term,

our Lord spoke of that in many places in the New Testament. There is no question about the false and the true; there is no question about it. He spoke of the wheat and the tares. **The wheat have ministers of God leading them and the tares have the ministers of Satan leading them because they are all children of the devil.**

**Satan does not only have a five-fold ministry but he has a church, and in Revelation chapter 2 it is called, "Satan's synagogue". So he has a five-fold ministry as well as he has a church,** and it can be identified in the scriptures. Matthew 24:24, it was prophesied to be here.

*For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and... if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."*

On a broad term we have here a ministry of Satan in the end-time. Call them what you want: prophets, apostles, teachers, evangelists, pastors, cardinals, popes, bishops, reverends. It does not matter who they are and what are the credentials behind their names; they are in Satan's service. **On a broad scale Matthew 24:24 includes Satan's five-fold ministry.** Then we can identify the false apostles in // *Corinthians 11:13:*

*"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ." We are all familiar with these scriptures. So we identify false apostles in the scriptures and the five-fold ministry starts first with "false apostles, deceitful workers."*

Then we can identify false prophets and teachers:

*// 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 in damnable heresies."*

*We see in 1 John 4:1, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." 1 John 2:18 "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists."*

**Now anti-Christ is anybody that perverts the Word of God. That takes in your five-fold ministry of Satan in no uncertain terms.**

So there are many scriptures that identify this five-fold ministry of Satan, and to bring it down to our understanding; **anything that is contrary to the Word of God, any preacher, any lay member, any prophet, any apostle, any teacher, any evangelist, who preaches contrary to the Bible after knowing the truth is a false prophet, false teacher, false evangelist and false pastor.** They have filled the radios, they have filled the television, and they have filled the churches.

Anyone who baptizes in Father, Son and Holy Ghost titles is wrong. Anyone who preaches a Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Ghost is a false prophet. Anyone who believes in bible school is deceived of the devil. There is no place in the scriptures for bible school. Anyone who believes in preacher's licence is of the devil. Any preacher who stands behind the pulpit and allows the women to wear pants, shorts, mini-skirts, bob their hair and walk on high-heeled shoes belongs to the devil's five-

fold ministry. Anyone that preaches on the radio and gives their bank account number and begs the unsaved man for money is a money-Satan, and a Judas. Judas was the first one to start stealing the money from the church. So there is a Devil's five-fold ministry in the scripture that is identified, and you can further identify the true and the false ministers throughout the New Testament.

John the Baptist did battle with them and he called them, "a generation of vipers." (*Matthew 3:7*). Jesus did battle with them, he said, "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers. Ye are of your father the devil." (*Matthew 23:33, John 8:44*). Those were the men who formed organizations. Brother Paul fought against them in his day and he called them all kinds of names. But he was speaking about the devil's five-fold ministry, and he is the one that said, "Such are false apostles, deceitful workers".

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**Question#125:**

**Heretical Article No. 128:**

"Some say that none can identify which minister is false or true in the message, so none should be critical but show love to all?"

**Answer:** If we cannot identify the false from the true, we are all lost. But the Lord has given us a way to identify the true from the false. So this is a heresy. **To say such a thing is a heresy. It is protecting Satan's servants.** When a man rises up and says, "Don't be critical of nobody who preaches the message", he is protecting the false anointed ones. He is protecting the servants of Satan, and any man who makes that kind of statement, he himself might be a servant of Satan to protect his own self. That statement is wrong, contrary to the scripture. It's contrary to the written Word of God

There is a way to identify the false from the true. And **we as Christians are called to identify these false servants, false five-fold ministry, Satan's servants from the servants of God.** The Lord gave us a measuring rod. **Jesus himself gave us a measuring rod to identify these servants of the devil. And He said in Matthew 7:15-16, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits."** This heresy is saying that, "you cannot know them so then we should not be critical and we should not speak against them; we should wait and see who goes in the Rapture." If we wait and see who goes in the Rapture we are not going anywhere! **We must measure every man by what the Lord gave us here - "Ye shall know them by their fruits."** This is very simple. Now, He did not only give us a measuring rod to measure the false. No. Hear what He's saying:

*"Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."* (*Matthew 7:15-20*).

**After he stressed on how to identify the false from the true he reconfirmed it and told us, "Ye shall know them by their fruits."**

Now, the priest wants to interpret these fruits as wearing a white gown, not being married, walking softly like a lamb, tell everybody "good morning", speak with a certain voice on the pulpit, sing in Latin, play with babies and charge for burying the dead. **These are not the fruits that Jesus was speaking about. If those were the fruits we will all be deceived by the Pope, as he kisses the ground and he lifts his hands and proclaim "peace" upon everybody. These fruits are not good behaviour, although good behaviour is included.** But beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Now who has a wool coat greater than the Pope and all the former popes through the Seven Church Ages? Their names were "Pope Innocent". That fellow killed more Christians than anybody else. So the coat starts even from their names, then their gowns and then their speech. Sheep's clothing, but inwardly the Popes were ravening wolves, full of murder, full of adultery. The encyclopedias record that without any blush.

So now the fruits that they were bearing were murderous fruits. But then always remember that Jesus said, "They come to you in sheep's clothing." Don't ever be fooled by their personalities, their soft speeches and smiles, because all of it is the "wool coat." The "sheep coat." The gown is the "*sheep coat*". Those nice talks that the Pope gives and also those priests are actually the "sheep coat." So don't be fooled into thinking that such are the fruits that Jesus was speaking about

The fruits, first of all, start with the Word. It is either that servant of God who is coming to you has the Word of God or he don't have the Word. The fruit is that he would be preaching the Word of God correctly from Genesis to Revelation. Brother John said:

*"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into you house, neither bid him God speed". (2 John 1:10).*

*"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them". (Isaiah 8:20).*

In the Old Testament, they had a way to discern these false prophets and false teachers; that was the Law of Moses. If they were contrary to the Law and the prophets, they could smile how much they could, they could walk how softly they wanted too, they were false.

In the New Testament, these are the guidelines that Brother Paul gave us to discern even an angel from heaven. Brother Paul capitalized upon Jesus measuring rod, (Beware of false prophets). Jesus spoke of false prophets. Paul went on to include the angels from heaven.

Galatians 1:8-9 *"But though we..." That includes himself and all the apostles, "...though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." He was so sure about what he was saying that he said, "As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed".*

**How do you know the false prophets today from the true prophets?** It is laid out in the Scriptures that they would preach contrary to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and they would reject the message of the hour. Why would they reject the message of the hour? They've got to reject the message of the hour, because the message of the hour is contrary to the false doctrine that they are preaching. So we could know them; the Bible said we could know them by their fruits and most importantly is the doctrine that they preach would be contrary to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Perverters of the message of Malachi 4:5-6 identify with it but try to destroy it.

I'm going to use briefly the gospel of Brother Paul to identify false prophets. False prophets baptize in Father, Son and Holy Ghost. You say, "I will have you to know that millions of them right now in the full gospel circles, baptize in father, son and Holy Ghost, preacher, how can you say such a thing that all of them are false?" **Every one of them is false.** As long as they baptize contrary to the Word of God, they are false. They baptize contrary and they believe in three gods. Anything that believes in a Trinity is heathenism. There is not one Word in the Bible as a Trinity.

*"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD." (Deuteronomy 6:4),*

*1 Timothy 3-16, "... great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh." (Jesus Christ).*

*St John 1:1, 14, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us".*

In the dispensations of time, and he was made a man called the Lord Jesus. One God.

The trinity is of the devil. That takes in all organizations that built their doctrine upon the trinity that they got from the pope. Any man who proclaims such is not of God. Anything that builds a bible school, anything that has a preacher's licence, anything that allow a woman to preach, contrary to the scriptures and contrary to the teaching of apostle Paul is of the devil. Brother Paul said in 1 Timothy 2:12, she should not preach; 1 Corinthians 14: 34, he said that she should keep silent in the church. We believe the gospel.

In St John the 10th chapter, 11th verse, our Lord took His time and laid out the qualities of the good shepherd and then he laid out the qualities of the hireling. If you want more knowledge on how to divide these hired preachers, from the true shepherd, then read St John the 10th chapter. Do you think Jesus was wasting time or just felt to talk or something? No! He was laying out something that you and I could follow, to show us how to distinguish the good shepherd from the hireling. And this is worthy of repeating here that the hireling in himself, that's a tricky fellow.

**There is a shepherd who is a good shepherd and there is a hireling out there in the middle and you have over here the wolf, and Jesus is speaking in Mathew 7-15 of the wolf coming to you in sheep's clothing. But now the hireling is a fellow like Judas, right up here sitting at the supper table.** Now we usually pass off this fellow, the hireling, as just false, but if you look at the context, we have a fellow that is radical, which is the wolf, that is on one side, one extreme out here, the wolf, and then we have on this extreme here, the good shepherd, but then in the

middle out here, this hireling is a make believer. He is into the gospel for the wool of the sheep, for the milk of the sheep, but he doesn't love the sheep.

You could hear these hirelings on the radio and on the television, and if you doubt me, take St John 10 and examine the radio and television preachers, and examine the preachers from organization. All that they can do is beg for money. **'Hire'**, you hear that word, **'hire'**. He is a hire-ling, and he is working for hire, that is why he begs for money on the radio, he wants his hire.

I heard one man in Woodford Square, Port of Spain one time; a big crowd was gathered, and he said, "If I don't get money I'm not going to preach". And one fellow took a cent, threw it towards him and it fell down and went amongst the people. He went down on his knees and crept in search of the cent, all between the people legs until he found it, and he had a tin cup in which he put it. He preached for a couple minutes and he said he wants more money otherwise he's not preaching. Now that is what you call a real hireling. He preaches for hire without any shame. All the organizations are filled with hirelings, and **there are preachers right now handling this message, who are hireling shepherds.**

Now notice that this hireling was amongst the sheep, because when the wolf came, he left the sheep and ran. So the sheep were entrusted in his hands, but the wolf was not with the sheep there. The wolf was out there and came and tried to steal the sheep. Yes, but because this hireling is not called of God, as a true shepherd, born again nor filled with the Holy Ghost and don't love the sheep, he went out to save his own life. And that is all that those preachers are concerned with: money and good living. They save their own lives. And Jesus said, *"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."* (Matthew 16:25). O my, that hireling is a wicked fellow, and Jesus pointed him out.

Now this hireling, by leaving the sheep and standing away from them, he leaves the sheep to the mercy of the wolf. He is a compromiser on the Word of God; compromises the standard of the message, compromises the truths of the message, and compromises the doctrines of the message. That is what we have in the message today. **This hireling compromises the message and says that it is okay for sports to enter the church, for the women to wear high-heeled shoes, and these sacks that came out in about 1962 in Trinidad.**

When those sacks came out as a fashion in this country, the unsaved people condemned that to the highest, when unsaved people put on those slim skirts and caused it to hug their bodies and where you seen all the movements of the women. In that time, **ungodly people condemned that as disgraceful, hypocritical, nasty and considered people who wore those things as prostitutes.** And that is what the people in the message have taken up and are now wearing. Brought back a style called the sack from way back in 1962 and even earlier in U.S.A. They are now wearing it as an official Christian dress.

**If it was disgraceful then, it is disgraceful now.** If it was disgraceful for the unsaved people, it is disgraceful for a Christian so many more times. **That's the general wearing of the people in the message and the hirelings, because of his**

hire, he allows them to bring it in, and compromises with it. So he is a compromiser, and compromised the life of the sheep.

### **SACK DRESSES-THEY GOT PREACHERS LIKE THAT-IT'S A MEAL TICKET**

**Quote:** *E-29 "No wonder women are wearing sack dresses and shorts and things like that; they got preachers and deacons like that. It's a meal ticket, in the stead of a commission from God then." (Sign Of The Time 58-0520).*

He is a compromiser. Oh, some of you preachers get up and beat him to death. Yes. I have a vengeance for that fellow, since I seen who he is in the scripture in our last message. I did not identify him all the time. I just passed him off without even thinking. I thought he was some kind of a coward preacher or something, but he is a dead hypocrite like Judas. **That's the Judas in the message**, who changes the holiness standards and everything that goes with it. Qualities of the shepherd and the hireling are clearly seen in the 10th chapter of St. John, and the wolf in sheep clothing in Matthew 7: 15-20. Therefore it is contrary to say that we cannot identify who is true and who is false.

**I believe these people's testimony, who say that they cannot identify who is true and who is false. But don't mix up the church of Jesus Christ in it. Anytime a church or a minister cannot identify who is true or false by the Word of God, he is deceived of the devil already.** So the confession of their heresy may be correct for them, and they are afraid to say who is false and who is true because they have no revelation, they are not born again, they are void of the Spirit of God, and they are sitting under hirelings that have them blinded.

If you sit under a hireling he would preach the love gospel to you, and say, "Don't be critical, because we don't know who is who yet. We've got to wait and see who goes in the rapture". By the time you wait to see who goes in the rapture, you'll find yourself in the tribulation, friend. You'd better know who is who here.

How could a man say such a thing? Every prophet that was sent upon earth, beginning from the first preacher in the Garden of Eden, was to point out the false. And the very reason that God sent William Branham was to show us how to identify which is false and which is true. This is madness! This has got to be an invention of a hireling to protect his own self. It's got to be an invention from the pit of hell. Yes. It's got to be an item of the love gospel.



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## **MINISTERS' CALL, QUALIFICATIONS AND ORDINATION**

*"Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." (Jeremiah 1:4-5).*

*"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Romans 10:13-15).*

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**Question#126:**

**Heretical Article No. 129:**

"I am taught that one who is a minister called of God, cannot preach contrary to the Word and message, but all are antichrist who ever preaches contrary to the Word."

**Answer:** There is a middle line to this. **No, this is a heresy also. Gifts and calling are without repentance. A man is called and he has this calling while he was a drunkard, and while he was arguing philosophy in the rum shop.** The Lord told Jeremiah,

*"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb..." How long before? Since the foundation of the world. "...I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." (Jeremiah 1:5). **Gifts and calling are without repentance. A man that has a calling could preach contrary to the Word of God, and he could teach a lot of wrong things, before he repent because the gifts and the calling are before repentance, but after the man repents, it is a different story, after he has a change of spirit, after he is born again, after he is filled with the holy ghost is a different story.** So you cannot put everybody into that category of antichrist.*

There are millions of preachers who are called today, and are in organizations. There are thousands of people with callings who are in the rum shop, or amongst the rasta men and amongst the hippies. You cannot put them into that category; gifts and callings are without repentance and I believe those who make this heresy are mixing matters.

**Before this man comes to truth he lacks knowledge. Before he repents, he lacks knowledge. He is subject to preach wrong things, say wrong things and do wrong things and be used of Satan in a great measure, because the man has a calling down in him, but the man is a sinner.** "A sinner has a calling down in him?" You were a sinner but predestined from the foundation of the world and your name was on the Lamb's Book of life, and you were drinking rum, cussing and smoking, until a certain time. My sheep hear my voice. Beloved it's a mystery for a human being to come and hear the Word; a drunkard, a marijuana smoker, liar, thief, fornicator, adulterer, who loves the music of the world, but hears the preaching of the gospel and in all that condition, he says, "I want that". Jesus said, "Whosoever will may come and drink of the waters of life". (*Revelation 22:17*).

The called minister could make a mistake because his gift and calling are without repentance. His gift came to him when he had no knowledge of the Word, the message of God, of truth, and of the prophet. Therefore, he could make a mistake, and even after that, but you do not put him in a category of antichrist.

Now, Brother Paul was called from the foundation of the world. Alright, his testimony says that he commanded them to blaspheme the name of Jesus, and he was standing there consenting to the death of Stephen (*Acts 8:1, 26:11*) Was he called of God? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] So we've got to rightly divide the Word of truth.

The great prophet Brother Branham, did he make mistakes? Do you know that Brother Branham preached contrary things? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] Brother Branham preached all seven seals in one night, and he said that the white horse rider is Christ. But those tapes are not in circulation. He was called, he was a prophet, but he lacked knowledge because the seals were not opened. And he failed the Lord; he made one or two mistakes.

**There is a period of calling; a man could feel that in his heart, but then the Lord must save that man. After He saves that man then He's got to train him up in the Word. After he trains the man, he commissions him to go into all the world and preach the gospel. O yes! Meanwhile he goes through that training and all that is required, he could be used of Satan, just like Doctor Saul was used of Satan. Moses had a call in his life and he killed an Egyptian at the age of forty.**

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**Question#127:**"How am I to identify a God called man, a true and sincere shepherd who is in error and misled, from a false and satanic minister?"

**Answer:** That's important. "How am I to identify this fellow?" Here is a minister; he is misled, he is preaching false thunders, preaching that the Blood is off the mercy seat, he is preaching that the Millennium has started, no physical return of the Lord, but he is a sincere minister; he loves the people, but he is misled. He has godfathers in America, in Canada, or from Longdenville Trinidad, but this man is a God called man. He is a true and sincere shepherd. He will wake up twelve o' clock in the night and go to pray for the sick. He will give everything that he has. You could know that the man is sincere, he is honest. He might be tied up under these false doctrines. He may be in the catholic church. Yes. Where did Mr. Chiniquy come from? Where did Martin Luther come from? Wasn't it the catholic church? Sure, they were God's servants with true callings.

So, they will do a lot of things and you could know the sincerity. They will pray, they will fast for the congregation. They would not steal their money. They live honestly; not go out and live in adultery and fornication. They love the Lord. But here you have another fellow, he doesn't care nothing, he is a hireling. Now here is the hireling and here is the shepherd. The true shepherd careth for the sheep, and the hireling, he only cares for the hire. Read St. John 10; it divides the good shepherd from the hireling. Read Matthew 7; it divides the good tree from the corrupt tree. They bring forth corrupt fruits. Their lives are nasty.

A man might be preaching false doctrine because he was misled and influenced by the godfathers from New York and from around the world, but the man is sincere in his heart, he loves the Lord. Yes. That man could be praying ten times a day. We have men like that. I meet people and I know that their motives and objectives are correct.

So first of all you've got to discern the motives and objectives of the men who preach to you. See what they are aiming at. I quote Brother Branham:

*"We are not called to discern one another's spirit, but to discern one another's motives and objectives"*. You've got to watch what they are aiming at. I'll give you a brief, little explanation. **The shepherd is aiming at the welfare of the sheep to give unto them eternal Life. He is uncompromising where wrong and right are concerned.** He loves the sheep and the sheep know that he loves them. But on the other hand, the hireling is concerned only about his hire. Now the shepherd is concerned about the sheep, and the hireling is concerned about the hire. So now this hireling is after the tithes, he is after the offering. An example of that is Judas. Compare him with Jesus. The good shepherd and the hireling.

So, the man may be wrong in his doctrine but right in his spirit. The prophet of God said he'd rather be wrong in his doctrine and right in his spirit, than right in his doctrine and wrong in his spirit.

**I RATHER BE SCRIPTURALLY WRONG, AND HAVE THE RIGHT  
KIND OF A SPIRIT**

**Quote: E-25 "I would rather be Scripturally wrong, and have the right kind of a spirit, than be Scripturally right and have the wrong kind of spirit."**  
(From. That. Time 61-0415b).

So a man could be preaching all kinds of false doctrines because he was influenced and misled by false prophets, but then his spirit is right.

Alright, we are going to prove if this man's spirit is right, if he has a call. **How do I discern between the false and the true shepherd.** Now this man is preaching all kinds of false things. **When he comes in contact with the voice of the Lord, he repents immediately because his gift came from heaven.**

Brother Paul was a minister of the Pharisee church who sat at the feet of Gamaliel. In his misconception, "Jesus was a false prophet and a bad man, and the people that followed him were misled". His motives were right. You say, "Paul's motives were right?" He was allowing some of them to be beaten and killed in order to bring them back to the Law, because in his mind, he thought that the Law was everything, and any man that touches that Law was supposed to die. The man's motives and objectives were right. He was a priest and he was trying to do something for the Kingdom of God, but he was misled by Doctor Gamaliel. He was misled by the high priest who gave him papers to go and do such things, but one day he heard the voice of Christ on the road to Damascus, and immediately when he heard that voice rebuking him which said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest me? It is hard to kick against these thorns down here, boy." (Acts 9:4-5). Yes. It would get up in your foot.

Let me tell you something; do you know what were those thorns? The Christians. Every one of you are a thorn, and when he persecuted the Christians, Jesus said, "*You are persecuting me*". He said, "*it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks*". Yes. But Paul's gift came from heaven. Here is a man that was called, but he was ignorant of the prophet, ignorant of the Word, had no knowledge of the Gospel, but when the voice of God spoke to him he humbled himself and said, "*Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest... And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?*". (Acts 9:5-6). He now wants the will of God and he now wants to walk in the will of the Lord and he now wants to walk in the way of the Lord. Do you see how an elect and a man who is called how he responds to the truth.

Do you see why these preachers came from where they came, my brother, and heard the Word of God and gave up their ministries and sat down, even because their gifts came from heaven. Oh, bless the Name of the Lord! Oh I feel privileged. Yes, I feel privileged. Yes, when I heard that message I responded. Oh, we could have been some kind of a denominational mule, but when we heard the message we surrendered, we gave up. Yes, gospel preachers here, gave up their own churches, gave up all their twelve years, thirty six years of preaching and incorporated everything under one banner, the banner of Jesus Christ; Bethel the House of God.

Now, when we read the scriptures, many of us are against the Pharisees and Scribes, but we forget to look from the corner of our eyes to see those men that were genuinely called of God and predestinated to life how they acted, and the Bible said;

*"And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. (Acts 6:7). Yes.*

Those men that loved God and were sincere after life and their gifts really came from heaven, they bowed down to the gospel immediately and Doctor Saul was one of them. Do you realize that that was a Pharisee of the Pharisees, the same ones that Jesus condemned? Yes, and he became the greatest Apostle of his time. Yes. We condemn organizations today and they are worthy of condemnation, but there are children of God there, there are ministers of God there, yes, and they will come in time. When they hear that gospel they will recognize one thing and that is the Word of God. If they cannot recognize that Word of God my brother, they are going through the tribulation, their names are not on the Lamb's Book of Life. Saul became Paul and a great company of the Priests were obedient to the faith.

**How do you know this man that is misled and still preaching all these heresies? Immediately, immediately when he comes to the knowledge of the truth and somebody shows him that "You are wrong brother, you are preaching heresy brother", and starts exposing those heresies, my brother, that man comes down one time and says, "God have mercy upon my soul".**

Have you heard of these experiences on the letters? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] Now if that is happening in a dry tree friends, what is going to happen in a green tree? That man proves that he is a true shepherd and he loves the sheep because he would let go of his false doctrines, he would let go of all the godfathers, and he will cling to the truth. He would not compromise with it because they offer him money, he would lose the money that he is getting from the United States and he would stay with the sheep and stay with the Word of God. You say, "Is that so?" Didn't Paul lose his credentials? Didn't Paul lose all his friends from the organization? Did he not lose recognition from the High Priest and all of them were trying to kill him after a time, because he followed the truth? That is how you know a true shepherd that is misled. Yes, the man was doing that because he lacked revelation, he lacked birth, and possibly he had a great anointing of the Spirit. Yes, but you could receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost every day in your life and go to hell. That doesn't mean to say you going to heaven. Oh yes!

**THAT DON'T MEAN ONE THING THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HEAVEN**  
**Quote:** 162 *"The cocklebur, many of you think, "I got the baptism of the Holy Ghost; I'm going to heaven." That don't mean one thing that you're going to heaven. No, sir. You can have the baptism of the Holy Ghost every hour in your life and still be lost and go to hell. The Bible says so. See? It's exactly right."* (Leadership 65-1207).

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**Question#128:**

**Heretical Article No. 130:**

"Is a Divine Call To Preach The Gospel Is The "Ability" To Understand And "Speak" The Message: Also a Dream Or A Vision Of A Brother Preaching?"

**Answer:** I do not believe a divine call is the ability to understand and speak the message of Malachi 4:5. This is a false interpretation of a divine call to preach the Gospel and is contrary to the Prophet's message of Malachi 4:5 1Corinthians.2: 1-4, Paul made it abundantly clear, though an intellectual. Though he was an excellent spokesman and having the ability to speak said to the saints at Corinth, "And I brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom,` declaring (or preaching) unto you the testimony of God":

Preaching is not how well you can speak, but preaching is whether the Spirit is attendant upon the Word or not. John 6:68, Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life." A man can speak well because he has a natural ability, but he is not anointed by the spirit to preach the Gospel, fulfilling Romans 11:29 which says "gifts and calling are without repentance".

To believe that a divine call to preach the gospel, is the ability to understand and speak the message is incorrect, false and erroneous. It is the spirit of Nicolaitanism, Revelation 2:6 that eventually invaded the pulpit with their errors and conquered the laity or church in the early Christian ages. It is the white horse rider; the false priest and preachers, cardinals and bishops with the ability to speak, that went out conquering by the Roman Catholic Church and **that spirit is yet alive and still conquering the souls of the people in religion and under the message.**

Paul was called by a supernatural phenomenon, a blinding and shining light, to preach the gospel, and not by having an intellectual understanding and natural ability to speak well. He himself said in **Philippians 3: 8 "All that I have learnt I count it as dung that I may win Christ."**

I believe that a God sent preacher has a God given ability to preach the word according to 1 Peter 4:11: "If any speak, let him speak as the oracles or word of God". If any minister, let him do it as of the ability. He stays with the word of God and would not inject any error in the word of God.

**Quote:** "The important thing, one of the important things that we must master, now remember this, and especially you young preachers and lay members alike. There is one thing that we've got to master if we expect to fulfil God's desire in our life, that is, we have to master the thought of human ability. If we ever get to spot where we think that we can do it with our own intelligence and our own abilities, we've got to master that in such a way that we can get rid of the things and lay it aside so that God can use us That's right. And make a complete surrender! We cannot use one's ability. We've got to make a complete surrender! And, come to God, You've got to surrender to him soul, body, and spirit. Everything that you are has to be surrendered to God, in order that he can work his will in you and in me". (Perfect Strength by perfect Weakness).

Exodus 3:1-10: Moses the Prophet was divinely called out by a supernatural pillar of fire said: "Oh my Lord, I am not eloquent" (Exodus 4:10.) The scripture is right and this diabolical article that came from the abyss of hell is wrong. Moses the Prophet with the divine call did not have the ability to speak the message. Moses had an impediment. He was slow in speech and in tongue, and he was not eloquent as he

admitted. But he was called to service by a supernatural pillar of fire (experience) in Mt. Horeb in a burning bush of fire to go to Egypt.

This article is contrary to these scriptures; and it is an intellectual false interpretation of a divine call by message preachers and believers and it does not have any base or foundation whatsoever in Bible and the prophet's message. This preacher is mixing up a divine call with a natural ability and cannot distinguish or differentiate between them. A divine call is one thing and an ability to speak is another.

Our Moses, Brother Branham could not have spoken well; check his tapes and books. But from a tender age, he was visited by an Angel and was told that God had a work for him to do when he became older. But God supernaturally called him and used him, like he had never used any man (Outside of the Lord Jesus) to preach the Gospel upon the earth and he left us a message for the church to follow.

**Quote:** *"No man has " Any Right" to preach the " Gospel" unless he's been like Moses, " Back Younder" on that " Scared Sands" where "Him" and God "Alone" stood. Then you say I had that kind of experience, and I got a spirit on me and if it "Denies" the "Word" in any way, you got the wrong spirit." (Why I am against organized religion 11/11/62).*

**False interpretation of a divine call to deceive and mislead God's children. Beloved, it is right here where the spirit of antichrist begins to work, when he succeeds in getting or putting preachers without a divine call upon the pulpit, he will inject thoughts and ideas, errors and false interpretation in the message not being called to the ministry. They will make themselves with all their good intention antichrists and false prophets right under the disguise of the message, that Jesus so warned us about that will take place in the last days. (Matt 24:11-24) (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).**

These are the scriptures for the Devil's five-fold ministry. I emphatically say this with no apology to any one, that the devil sent them to create the doctrinal confusion and battle in the message to deceive God's people right under the message.

**Quote:** *'No man has a right to preach, less he like Moses meets him out there in that scared ground that pillar of fire hanging there, where he knows where he is at.'* (Future Home 1964).

To be a preacher in this confusing hour of so many voices you got to know where you are at as preachers. You can't be changing doctrines every minute. A man who keeps changing doctrines all the time does not know where he is standing in God's word. To preach the gospel, you got to know by divine revelation what you believe and where you are standing in the word. Like Paul for he said in **Galatians:1: 11-12**

**Quote:** *"No man has a right to preach the gospel until he meets God back on the backside of the desert in that burning bush, to where there is no "Ecclesiastical System" In the world cannot explain it away from you: A man who is truly called cannot be deceived nor can you move him away from the word and the message of the hour: No "Ecclesiastical System" can explain it away from him. (Birth Pains 1965).*

**This article is cunningly and technically put by this preacher using words "Divine Call" and the word "Understand" to hide his false and deadly interpretation like the serpent did to Eve but he is jammed with his back to the wall. In the scriptures when he says a divine call is the "ability" to speak the gospel and message. This is contrary to what Paul taught, and to Moses inability to speak, and to what Brother Branham taught. This doctrine is of Satan; and that is the way Satan sends his preachers, they can speak, they can place their words, their grammar is right like the Scribes and Pharisees, they can pronounce the Greek and the Hebrew well, but they injected error on God's word.**

Who was the serpent? He had an ability to speak well, but he, like many preachers inside and outside of the message injected error in God's word and deceived Eve like many preachers are deceiving and misleading God's people. The serpent, anointed by the devil twisted God's message and made himself a false anointed one, or preacher. So are many of these preachers, they are anointed by the devil thinking it is God and have made themselves false anointed ones in the end time.

Who were the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees? They had the "ability" to "write" and "speak" well; they were the PHD'S LLD'S and DD'S Doctor of Divinity: They knew how to roll their tongues, pronounce their words as it is said, they knew how to 'Cross their T's, dot their I's. But Jesus told these Bible scholars: "*You do err not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God*". Jesus told the Scribes and Pharisees, "*In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men.*" Jesus also told the Scribes and Pharisees, "Ye are of your father the devil and his works you do, he is a liar from the beginning and abode not in the truth."

And if you cannot scripturally define or identify a Divine call from an intellectual understanding and a natural ability, and ambition to handle the gospel and preach the message, you have no calling or right on the pulpit.

Beloved the devil began to work in the name of the message when he succeeded in putting men in the pulpit without a divine call to handle the message. This is what is responsible for all the major doctrinal differences, false interpretations, divisions, fighting, schisms, fussing, confusions, adulterous preachers, thieves and liars in the message is because the majority of men on the pulpit do not have a divine call to handle the Word. They have "not met God in the backside of the desert in that burning bush experience where no ecclesiastical system in the world can explain it away from them" neither were they called by the Son Of Man to preach the gospel.

A man must not enter the pulpit because he is ambitious and he likes it for a career. This is not the way preaching the gospel is approached. A brother must not make himself a preacher based solely on a dream or a vision that he was preaching to a congregation. Beloved dreams and visions do not qualify any brother to be a preacher. For a brother to be a preacher, he must fulfil certain basic scriptural requirements to be qualified as a preacher.

A preacher must be supernaturally called like Moses; Exodus: 3:10 and like Paul; Acts: 9: 15-16. You must be called (by the Son Of Man) Like the twelve (12) apostles Matthew: 10:1 and like the other seventy (70) preachers Luke 10:1.

A preacher must be trained in the Word like the apostles who sat under Jesus' ministry for three and half (3 1/2) years. Like Paul who spent three (3) years in the desert of Arabia, and like Moses who spent forty (40) years in the wilderness.

A preacher must be the husband of one wife and his children, once they are living in his house must be in the faith; 1 Timothy 3:1.

A preacher must be loyal to the Word, like the apostles, Acts: 1:2-42 and like Paul who said in Galatians: 1:8-9:

*"But though we, or an Angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you then that which we have preached unto you let him be Anathema Maranatha".*

*Let him be accursed unto the day of the coming of the Lord. As I said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you then that we have received let him be accursed".*

**If you are a preacher and you have not fulfilled these requirements, with none left out, you are not qualified to be on the pulpit.**

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**Question#129:** "I am a deacon of our church. My pastor gives me the pulpit to preach but I don't feel called. I have prayed to God and received no answer. I want to obey Brother Branham's message, "Doing God a service without His will", shall I continue to preach because people encourages me to do so, saying that God is using me. Or should I wait until God himself reveals it to me? Can you please help me?"

**Answer::** Yes my precious brother. By God's grace I am set for the defense of the Gospel and as a leader to the sheep of God, and I will gladly do anything to help any honest heart enter the Kingdom of God. I will help directly from the quotations of Brother Branham that you may be certain that the things that I speak are from the message and from the Scriptures.

### **A CALL OF GOD BURNS IN YOUR HEART YOU CAN'T REST DAY AND NIGHT**

**Quote:** 107 "A call in life..."a calling." "Make your calling and election sure." See? We don't want to be just wondering if we're called...Now, there's a great trick there that the enemy can play on you. **He can make you think you're not called when you are called, then he turn right back around make you think you are called when you're not called, vice versa, either way. And you have to watch it. Now, here's the way to do it. Find out first...But make sure that your calling comes from God, and then check your motives and objectives. See?" Check your motives and objectives. Your purpose "...What is your motive for preaching? Was it just... You think it was a easier job than what you have? Then you'd better forget it; it wasn't a call. A call of God burns so in your heart you can't rest day and**

**night for it.** You just can't get away from it; it's just constantly grinding at you... And if you had to preach... You say, well now, another objective, "I believe at the job I've got, if I could be a successful evangelist or a pastor, have a good set salary, have a home that I could go into and so forth, and live, then I believe that would be a good thing, much easier than what I'm doing now... **Now, see, your objective is wrong to begin with. See, it's not right...** Then you'd say, "Well, maybe because maybe that I'd be more popular amongst the people." See, you'll find out you're just ready for a big flop... But now, if your objective is that "I don't care if I have to eat soda crackers and drink branch water, I'll preach the Gospel anyhow." Something just tearing into you, "**I'll either preach the Gospel or die.**" **See? Then you'll go somewhere, because it's God dealing with you.** God is making Himself known to you, because it is God just won't let you rest. **And usually, a God-called man never wants to do it...** So if God is calling you, brother, and it keeps digging at your heart, then I'd say, "Lay aside every weight, and the sin that does so easily beset you." You see? But if it's not digging at you, and then I wouldn't think too much about it then. Just let it come to its place. (Questions and Answers 61-0112)

Isn't that a wonderful explanation?

#### **IF YOU FEEL A CALL, BE SURE THAT IT'S GOD**

**Quote:** 44 "**Wait on your ministry. If you feel a call, be sure that it's God. Be sure that it's right. Be sure that it's timely of what you're saying.**" (Trying to do God a service 65-0718M).

#### **STAY THERE UNTIL YOU KNOW YOU ARE CALLED**

**Quote:** E-32 "**He'd talked face-to-face with God till he had his commission. I think if minister brethren today would just not take it from a intellectual standpoint; but would find them a place on the backside of the desert on those sacred sands where Satan cannot place his dirty feet of unbelief, and stay there until a message comes from God and positionally places you in the ministry, then all the devils out of torment could not shake you from it. You know you're called.**" (Perseverance 62-0608).

#### **OUGHT TO FIRST HAVE AN EXPERIENCE WITH GOD BEFORE HE GOES**

**Quote:** E-35 "**It was God Himself. He came to the burning bush, and He spoke to Moses before He sent him out. I believe that every man, before he goes out on the field to preach the Gospel, ought to first have an experience with God before he goes**" (Hear ye Him 62-0711).

There are many other quotations that speak of a divine call and a supernatural experience. They must be rightly divided. There is a call, there is a training and there is a commission to go on the field.

This precious brother who is a deacon says that he does not feel a call in his life. The simple answer to that is to travail with God until the Lord confirms that. If the Lord don't confirm that and puts that burning desire on your heart then you are not called. Check your motives and objectives. And I believe this brother's motives and objectives are right.

Similar quotation references: "*Future home 64-0802, Why It Had To Be Shepherds 64-1221, Having Conferences 60-0608, At Kadesh Barnea 56-0527, The Sin Of Unbelief. 58-0517e, Why? 63-0626, Perseverant 62-0729, Why I am Against Organized Religion 62-1111e*".

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**Question#130:** "What are the spiritual qualifications required for all the five offices in the Body? We know what Paul commanded. We need to know more in a magnified way according to the message of Malachi 4:5-6, please explain?"

**Answer:** This five-fold ministry is recorded in Ephesians 4: 11-15. It spoke of five different offices: "Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers". **This question here is not asking me to divide the different offices or say what each office is in the way that they should operate.** So I am answering this question on a broad scale, speaking of all ministers in general. A little later there are other questions that will relate to each office of the five-fold ministry that tell you their individual operation. But this is asking here about the **qualifications of each man that would use the five-fold ministry.** That's the point that I am making here.

The emphasis I am about to lay here is the setting of the five-fold ministry in order. If we notice very carefully, **our Lord did not set the five-fold ministry in order** and say to none of those men that, "You are an apostle or you are a prophet or a teacher, evangelist or pastor", when he ordained them in Matthew 10 and St. John 10, though the Bible said in Luke 6:13, "*whom also he named apostles.*" Now, the scribe, when he was writing, long after the death, burial and resurrection and the call of these men by our Lord Jesus, he said: "The names of the twelve were such and such". But Jesus never divided the offices when he called them. **Later on, after the day of Pentecost, something took place that set these office gifts in order**

So we see that the Lord never called a woman amongst the twelve. And then they thought probably that they would get in on the second batch, because he was ordaining more. But instead of calling a woman now, he called seventy men and ordained them and they were all men, and Brother Paul confirmed that and he said the woman should not preach.

Now, apostle, prophet, evangelist, teacher and pastor, I want to lay emphasis that the qualifications for a minister fit all of them. From prophet to teacher in the five-fold ministry, there is no exemption of the qualification that Brother Paul laid down for these offices. You could have the greatest office, you could have all five of them; the qualification is the same.

In this age in which we are living in, it has gone out so far, that there are hundreds of questions that were written to me about if the pastor should do this or do that. I would take up a little better and I would **show the do's and the don'ts of the entire ministry, chiefly the pastor. So this will fulfill the requirement of this question**, where this brother is requesting, "Please explain: we want the thing magnified; we are acquainted with Brother Paul's teachings of what he laid down concerning the ministers, but we want it magnified according to the message. How the prophet of God set it up. What he said that a minister should do. What he said he should not do. The things that go through the message of eleven hundred and fifty tapes. We want to hear more of it. We want it condensed together." **The purpose of these messages is to bring these things together and form a compact unit, that when it falls into the hands of the minister, he knows who is true and who is false. He knows exactly the requirements of a minister. He knows the requirement of a sheep.**

**When a sheep finds this he must be able to read that and look at these ministers and determine who is a shepherd, determine who is a hireling and determine who is a wolf.** Don't you think it's a wonderful work? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*]

The five-fold ministry is called "Office gifts". There are other gifts in the Bible which are called divers gifts, and there are nine divers gifts recorded of in the Bible, but these are five office gifts that have to do with God speaking to the church by His Word. It is called 'Office gifts'. Everyone of these gifts requires the same qualification. You could be prophet, priest or king, you must adhere by the rules laid down by the Spirit through Brother Paul or you are disqualified.

Basically, this qualification is found in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. I divide it here into three categories; the three main things that qualifies any minister, regardless of his office. **Firstly**, the qualities which he as an individual must possess. **Secondly**, the qualities that his wife must possess. **Thirdly**, the qualities that his children must possess. Three categories. If he fails any of those and compromises with any of those things in the three categories, he is disqualified. I preached a message sometime ago on **Preachers required qualifications**.

*"This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, (Bishop means a preacher) he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, (Drunkard)no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre..."*, which is money. We see a lot of money greedy spirits in the evangelists of today and the evangelists of the days of Brother Branham. They became millionaires.

*"... but patient, not a brawler, not covetous..."* (Greedy of gain). *"... One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."* (1 Timothy 3:1-7).

*"For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: **If any be***

***blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.(Titus 1:5-9).***

Those are the things laid down by Brother Paul. Beloved, he laid down these things back there. He lived nineteen hundred years ago. Here we are up here today. God sent another messenger called William Branham. Now the things that William Branham had to deal with in this age is not like it used to be in the days of Brother Paul. The things that they will bring into the church and under the message will be so contrary by the millions, and that is the reason for this pile of questions that I have here.

There are numerous questions that now relates to the ministry that came from India, Africa and different parts of the world, now asking us, "Should the pastor do this? He is doing this. He is not walking right. Should he do this? Should I do that? Should I believe this? Should I say this?" Now, do you see what we are getting into? [Congregation says, "Amen!"] May the Lord give me grace. This involves people's souls. They may be very little and trifle to you, because you have been established in these things for decades, but these things are not known to beloved brothers and sisters that came in from idolatry, that came from polygamy, that came out of the world, out of the Catholic church, out of worshipping wood, idols and stone. Yes. They want to know these things. Brother Branham did not have the time to teach them those things. He went down there and healed them by the tens of thousands, but he did not have anybody trained up in the message, where he could set a minister over a hundred thousand people that repented.

#### **WHAT IF I HAD A GROUP OF MEN TRAINED IN THE MESSAGE**

**Quote:** 762-85 *"What if I was in India, go back to India... and maybe a **hundred thousand converted to Christ, nowhere to go.** The next day take a plane and start back to Rome, then to the United States, leave them just like sheep put out among wolves. **What if I had a group of men, young men trained in the Message** (See?) to say, "Now, wait a minute, before I leave here, we're going to set in order these churches. I'll have a man who I've already telegraphed him, and they got the money; they're on their road here right now to take over this, a good man. There's two or three young men with him who'll be his helpers and assistants." And a church of this faith can be set there which will be a outpost in India, outpost in Germany, outpost in Switzerland. **While right now, we should've had them all around the nations where I've been.**" (Taking sides with Jesus 62-0601).*

**And I am afraid that the ministers are not yet even trained. If the ministers were trained up that carry the message to them from the United States and the western world, we would not have these questions. It shows that those who are carrying the message are not yet trained up.**

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**Question#131:** "Please explain if there is any office in the Bible called "Preacher?" A young man evangelizes but refers to himself only as a preacher, would not preach in his own hometown. When questioned about his office, that's the only time he goes up to the pulpit and says that "I am a preacher."

**Answer:** Don't you think that these people are foolish. Don't you think that these are stupid questions. There are questions here that I never thought about and you never thought about, although we know the answer. Now friends, this is indicating something to me. It is indicating confusion amongst the ministry worldwide of who is who and what office they hold. So in order for the young man to refrain from saying that he is an evangelist or an apostle or a prophet, he goes up on the pulpit and says, "I am a preacher."

**Now the term preacher is applied generally to all servants of God who preach the Word of God.** The very word 'preacher' is derived from "preach". So a man that preaches is a preacher. And we could go back to the Old Testament and find this term: "*Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.*" (*Ecclesiastes 1:2*). So the wise man **Solomon referred to himself as a preacher because he was preaching the Word of God.** And he was the wisest man on earth, and he chose to call himself a preacher.

The Bible says in II PETER 2:5, **that Noah was a preacher of righteousness. But we know very well that Noah was a major prophet.** But it pleased Brother Peter because of his knowledge in the Scripture to say that Noah was a preacher of righteousness. **A Prophet was called a preacher.** Peter was called a preacher. James was called a preacher. **So now any one of these offices could be referred to as preachers, from the major prophet come right down to the pastor, he is referred to as a preacher.**

**PREACHING IS A GIFT - SOME ARE APOSTLES, SOME PROPHETS**

**Quote:** 205 "**Preaching is a gift, inspired preaching. See? And the gift... Some are apostles, some prophets, some teachers, some pastors, some evangelists.**" (Voice.Of.The.Sign 64-0214).

Now, you will see that term used by Brother Paul again in Romans 10:15. He said, "*And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*"

Now we know that that one that was actually sent was an apostle. A sent preacher is an apostle. "...*how shall they preach, except they be sent?*"

### **APOSTLE" MEANS "ONE SENT**

**Quote:** 19 "**The word "apostle" means "one sent."** "How can they preach except they be sent. **And why the missionary wants to be called a missionary, instead of an apostle, I don't know. The Bible order of it is, is apostle.**" (Word Became Flesh India Trip 54-1003m).

**Quote:** "...as it is written, How beautiful are the feet..." He is a traveling man. He is a missionary. "...How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" **So a sent preacher is an apostle, a missionary.**

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**Question#132:**"Is there any age for becoming a pastor?"

**Answer:**This fellow here is concerned about preaching. He is concerned about what age he should preach. "Is there any age for becoming a pastor?" I will answer this question in general; not only a pastor but ministers in general. Is there any age set out in the Bible that says what age a preacher could preach? That's the question I am answering.

The age for a priest was thirty years. "*And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among **the sons of Levi...From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old...to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.***" (Numbers 4:1-3). Now, thirty years back in that time was considered as a responsible man, not eighteen years of age. They considered thirty years of age, a man would be fully developed in his mind and he could make decisions.

Now notice in your scripture again according to the law: "*And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him... And **Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age.***"(Luke 3: 22-23). Now notice another thing again, John the Baptist, was about thirty as well. Yes! Six months apart. They had to fulfill the law. "*It behoves us to fulfill the law, John. Baptize me.*"(Matthew 3:14-16). Two responsible men in the water.

Now, but look at something. The age of maturity, in the law, is not according to chronological age today. No, because you have a second birth. So now your chronological age is not considered here, it's your maturity, in Christ and the Word of God. That is where that fits now; it's if you are matured in the Word of God.

Brother Paul told Timothy: "*These things command and teach. **Let no man despise thy youth.***" (1 Timothy 4:11-12). Jesus Himself chose St. John the divine and he was of a tender age. In the days of Brother Branham, there was a boy preacher. I forget what his age was, but he seemed to have been of a tender age, and Brother Branham loved that boy and highly commented him as a preacher. Jesus Himself was a boy preacher.

Now there are children that mature faster than others, they are more spiritual than others, and they could take up things faster and if they are gifted they could manifest that at an early age. So, Jesus spoke of that, "*And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?*" (Matthew 21:16). **So there is no age limit, chronologically, but spiritually, as long as the person is matured in the Word of God, is born again and has the Spirit upon him. It is no longer the little, little fellow but the Spirit of God.**

I am expecting, the Outpouring to fall, upon little fellows here today, that will preach the Word of God, as young men, and manifest gifts as little girls, to fulfill the scripture where Jesus said, "*out of the mouths of babes have I perfected praise.*" *I believe it will happen, that if sinners don't want to hear a man, they will hear a child.* Yes!

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**Question#133:** : "A pastor, should he be married or unmarried? Is it right to allow an unmarried man, to pastor?"

**Answer:** I guess that this came from the scripture over here in 1 Timothy 3:2, and in Titus 1:6, which says, "That the bishop or the preacher must be the husband of one wife." Now there is some controversy in and around the message of Brother Branham, because Brother Branham said that he could not ordain a deacon because he was an unmarried man. And the same scripture that Brother Branham used that he must be the husband of one wife, is the same scripture that is used over here for the minister, that he must be the husband of one wife, and Brother Branham never clarified that. So now, there are many restrictions outside there that they put upon men, to preach the Gospel, and say, "You are not a married man, so you cannot preach the Gospel. You must be the husband of one wife." I would like to give you my thoughts on this, based on the scripture.

If this understanding is right that a man cannot preach the Gospel unless he marries a wife, then Apostle Paul was wrong when he preached the Gospel, and Barnabas was wrong, because he said, is it only I and Barnabas don't have the power to led about a wife, a sister. (1 Corinthians 9:5). Alright! I will go further; then Jesus was wrong because he never married a wife.

Let's deal with things that will edify souls around the world. This is my joy. Yes my brother, from morning to twelve o'clock, one o'clock, two o'clock at night. **This is my joy, to know that I could say something, or do something, or write a letter, or have a message or answer a question, to help some soul around the world. People are suffering; they want to know right from wrong, they want to know which direction to go. How can I sleep? I cannot sleep, No! Not when I get a letter like that. Brother should I preach or not. Not when I get a letter like that,** not when I receive hundreds of questions, and the questions say answer immediately please. How can you sleep? Brothers and sisters you may not have the capacity as the congregation to do what I am doing, but you could pray. You could open up your eyes and pray; you could let the brethren across there here your voices, that you also believe what I am saying, that it will confirm the Truth, that they will realize that nobody is fooling them, but there are people here by the hundreds, and sometime a thousand gather, that believe the same thing. [Congregation says, "Amen!"] That they will know that there is a church that is established, upon all these things they are asking. I am not preaching this from a theoretical point of view, we are preaching from a practical point of view. This is what our ministers practice, this is what is established in our congregations, and this is what is established in the ministers' lives. I don't have to go and search a book brothers and sisters, we have the thing practical. **People want to know what we have practical, but I have to spend time to back it up by the quotations and back it up by the scriptures, that they will know that I am preaching the truth. And your voices are telling a certain story, they are bearing witness, they will ring out on the day of judgement.** That is what the Bible says, "and multitudes of waters." (Revelation 1:15). Yes sir! Witnesses the Bible said. Oh praise him!

**Then if a minister should be married to preach the Gospel, then Jesus did wrong. My answer to this question is "no", because Brother Paul was unmarried, Barnabas was unmarried, and then there was another man that was married who preached the gospel, and he was called Peter;** *"And Peter's wife's mother laid sick with a fever in the days of Jesus (Matthew 8:14), and he was preaching the Gospel. Wherefore, a married man can preach the Gospel, and the Pope, he lied by saying that the priest should not be married. And if they say that Peter was the first pope, then the first pope had a wife and her mother had a fever and Jesus went to her house and healed her from the fever, and she arose and ministered unto them. So the first pope had a wife and he preached the Gospel. And Jesus had no wife and He preached the Gospel. Paul and Barnabas had no wife and they preached the Gospel. And hear what Brother Paul said in 1 Corinthians 7:*

*"I wish that all men were like me: single; unmarried." He said, "But however, every man has their proper gift; one to marry and a next one not to marry.*

Don't you think that Brother Paul would have straightened that in 1 Corinthians 7, when he said, he wished that they were single, don't you think that he would have put a clause there? (He never played with words) He would have put a clause there and say, "If you remain single, you cannot preach the Gospel". But he never did.

He said that a man that is unmarried do better because he attend to the things of the Lord. But, he that is married careth for the things of his wife. Yes! You make a better

preacher if you have that gift not to be married. When you leave home, you don't care to come back. You are about your Father's business.

Paul went out; he preached for six years and then came back. He served the Lord better. He reached in a certain place; the Lord told him, "I have much people in this city; stay here". He stayed there a year and a half and pastored. You serve the Lord better.

Now, the Lord giving a wife to a man is a great favor and asset. He cuts his ministry to suit that gift. Now, the mighty Elijah today, William Branham, he had a wife and he preached the Gospel. Now, I will have you to know that Brother Branham was also preaching before he was married. Brother Branham was our example in our age and he was a Gospel minister before he was married, and he never gave no such commandment concerning a minister. But Brother Branham said something about a deacon. Now, in my understanding, when the Bible said that a man must be **the husband of one wife, I simply believe that the man could not be a polygamist**, because there were those under the Jewish religion who had two, three and a thousand wives, and when one came to the Gospel, and he was a polygamist, he could not be a bishop, because he would not represent the true Gospel which commands one wife and one man, therefore he would be a poor example. So the man, in my understanding, could not be a polygamist. There are other questions on polygamy which I had to answer for these brethren in Africa. They like a lot of wives. And we have a hang over right here in the Caribbean. They also like a lot of wives. So they write and ask, "Brother, what do the polygamist do with these wives? He came to the message; the message is against polygamy;

There are laws in many countries, you could marry how many wives you want, but the day you cannot mind them, run for your life. They will put you in jail. And contrary as this may sound, I said, "If you came to the Gospel as a polygamist, **let every man abide in his same calling wherewith he was called.(1 Corinthians 7). Keep your wives**, but don't marry another one. Together with that, you cannot preach, because the Bible said, you must have one wife, not a dozen. So we still have the same problem today. Man is the same kind of man. And whether there is a law in the land or not, we have plenty polygamist in this country. We call them adulterers. It's just the law that is keeping them down from having a dozen wives.

Do you notice something that out of **these hundreds of questions there is no opposition? These are not opposing questions. These are questions that are coming from humble hearts, sincere hearts; our associates around the world. Men who were fooled by the Western people. These people want to come out of their deception.** There is not one opposing question in all these hundreds of question that we are answering. Everybody wants to know what is right or wrong. A hundred questions came from India alone. These tapes have to go; I spend much time in writing these exposition books. Then we have to pay thousands of dollars when we send them into the printery. After that, we have to pay three times the amount to post one book to certain countries. But it's blessing people. **If it is blessing people, why stop? It is sowing a seed. It's laying a foundation for another outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that people will be trained up, people will be ready, people will be clean, people will be established in the doctrines of Brother Branham, in the plain message. When that outpouring comes their**

hearts will be clear, clean and ready. The church set in order. It's the doing of the Lord.

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**Question#134:** "Do pastors require ordination by laying on of hands? Please explain ordination of pastors in the message churches?"

**Answer:** Ordination is scriptural. Jesus ordained twelve apostles and he ordained seventy. (Matthew 10, Luke 10). Titus was left in Crete that he may appoint elders in every city. That he may ordain them even as Brother Paul appointed him. He was to follow the same pattern.

So, we read there that it was to be done by the laying on of hands of the Presbytery. Presbytery is another word for elder. The Presbyterian church took that word and called themselves the "Presbyterian organization", there was a certain way to ordain these men. Now, whether this is compulsory, is the question. Although it is scriptural, is it compulsory? That's the question. "Is ordination by the laying on of hands compulsory?" I want to let you know that no man laid their hands on me yet. Don't you think I am doing well? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] So, there is a middle line there then?

Now, who laid hands on Jesus and ordained him? I am seeing something in the Scripture, that there were men who had hands laid upon them, and men who had no hands laid upon them. Now, when God called Brother Paul in the ninth chapter of Acts, did you read anywhere in the Scripture that the Lord sent him down to a certain man that he might lay hands upon him and ordain him? No, He sent him to a man that he might pray for him and baptize him. In the same ministry of Brother Paul, after a long time at Antioch, after Brother Paul was preaching the Gospel everywhere, they were assembled together and there were prophecies in the church (nine divers gifts operating in the church; fasting and prayer was going on, five fold ministry in almost every local body), and somebody arose and prophesied (that is the thing we want to see). Maybe a little sister just rose up under the Spirit and said, "Separate me Barnabas and Paul for the work whereunto I will send them. Thus saith the Lord". They knew very well to obey that. They called Brother Paul and Barnabas. They said, "Brothers come, the Holy Spirit has just spoken". The Bible said, "And when they had laid hands upon them, they let them go".

Now, there we learn that the ordination and the laying on of hands was not making a man a minister. And Brother Branham made that very clear. He said that there is a group that has arisen, thinking that they can impart gifts by the laying on of hands. That is contrary. He said the laying on of hands sanctioned the call of the Lord.

**WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT GIFTS COMES BY LAYING ON OF HANDS**

**Quote: 5-1 "Now, we do not believe that gifts comes by laying on of hands. We believe that laying on of hands is a sanction to what we've already seen. See? It's a "amen." See? Now, when they laid hands upon Timothy and upon those brethren, they had noticed in them men was the gift. Remember, "stir up that gift, which was in you, come from your grandmother Lois." And they seen this in Timothy; and therefore, the elders laid hands upon him, ordaining him, not put hands upon a man that nothing has ever been showed forth. You see? And they just asked the blessings, and we all believe that. **So we don't impart spiritual gifts; we only recognize them and lay hands upon them to sanction them, that we believe that God has done such things for the people.**" (The Indictment 63-0707).**

So now, we can see a display of sanctioning the command of the Lord at Antioch. Because they believed that was the Spirit, they called Brother Paul and Barnabas and said, "Yes my beloved brethren, we recognize that the Lord has called you to send you ought to a great work." I will tell you something; Paul was not ignorant of that. The Lord had already spoken to him on the road to Damascus, telling him where He is going to send him and how he will make him a light to the Gentiles. Yes!

So now this was a sanction. The ministers that were gathered there, the spiritual men, they were gathered there to say "Yes, we believe that, we accept that." That was not ordaining Paul or Barnabas. That was sanctioning the call to the field, and they laid their hands upon them and they prayed for them. They said, "Lord, prosper these brothers' ministry. We recognize that this is a move of the Lord." And they sent them out there, and they went out there for years, and they won millions of souls in a given time, to the Lord. So it was not an ordination but a sanction.

Now when Brother Paul told Timothy to lay hands upon the elders and ordain the elders in every city, these men were already preaching. They were already functioning. These men had received the Holy Ghost. These men received the Token; it had fallen at Pentecost. These men were living the lives; they were preaching. But then, Brother Paul told Timothy to tie down the thing. Let the whole congregation see that I Paul told you, the overseer in Crete, to sanction these men's gifts. **It's more a sanction, instead of imparting a gift. That is what an ordination is.**

Brother Titus, the overseer in that age, that time, and in that region he had many churches under his care, and he went there and called the elders, he said, "Brethren you had been preaching for the past couple years here, but I want you the congregation to understand that I sanctioned that, and Brother Paul, my pastor, he sanctioned the same. I have his letter right here written to me; I am going to read his letter right out to you to let you know that this is the doing of Brother Paul, and I have come to lay hands upon you, together with these other men, called the Presbytery, we will lay hands upon you and we will identify ourselves with you." That is ordination. But I will have to read another scripture and you heard it before. **This is where the ordination took place. The ordination never took place when Brother Titus laid his hands upon them. He sanctioned the ordination.**

*"Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." (Jeremiah 1: 4-5).*

**The ordination was before the foundation of the world, but the sanction of that ordination was done by Brother Timothy, Titus and Brother Paul in many places. So when is a man really ordained? You were ordained before the foundation of the world to preach this Gospel.** And then if I recognize your call, and I recognize your ordination and I recognize that your motives and objectives are right, then the system ordination is that, after I recognize that there is some kind of gift in you that could be used of the Lord; an ability to preach the message, then I sanction it.

**Now a call is not all. I have to watch for the man's qualifications within three categories.** These are the guidelines of ordination. I could recognize that a man could preach, he has an ability, he has the right motive and objective, **but his wife could be his stumbling block.** She might have a long tongue. She might be a busybody. She might have committed adultery with somebody in the church. Now that will hinder that man and hinder the ordination. **He could have children but they are unruly.** Then I cannot sanction the ordination of that man. Now do you see the stumbling blocks? Although the man is called he must meet the required qualifications.

So, the next part of the question is how is this ordination done? What is the system? It's very simple, if all is clear, I am convinced, with other ministers; that there is a calling in that brother's life, even though he never came face to face with a Pillar of Fire, but there is a calling. Then we watch the man's life and see how he conducts himself. He manifests that kind of care for the sheep; and as he manifest that quality then we take into consideration his wife, if he is married. Then we take into consideration how he rules his house, and then after all these things are considered, we allow him to use the pulpit. No ordination took place as yet, but he is preaching. Then, as he preaches the Gospel, that overseer sits down and he is listening to see how **this man is handling the Word of God, he is watching for pride, he is watching for self, he is watching for desires of the flesh** and is letting him use the pulpit under training. In my case, I will ordain him when he is found blameless.

Now that ordination represents that I sanction, together with all the ministers that we are identified with this man as a Gospel preacher. That's the system of ordination, and Brother Branham did that, and you could find some of that on the Book called "The Indictment". I want to bring something to you that is very important, and that is, in that, there was a brother who was married before, I think, and his wife had some problems, and this ordination was after Marriage and divorce was preached. And Brother Branham laid hands upon him and ordained him a minister.

### **THE RIGHT-HAND OF FELLOWSHIP WE CAN GIVE YOU AS MINISTER BROTHERS**

**Quote:** 33 *"How many here knows Brother Ben? How many believes him to be God's servant, worthy of this blessing that we'll ask of God for him? ... **When he heard the other day on "Marriage and Divorce"... He and his wife was ready to separate, because that he loves her, and she loves him, but they want to cope with the Word of God... I pray that God will bless Ben and his wife to His service. Let's lay our hands upon the brother... Bless you, Brother Ben. The right-hand***

***of fellowship we can give you as minister brothers. God bless you." (Does God Change His Mind 65-0418e).***

There is a big doctrine outside there that if a man's wife commits adultery, then the man cannot remarry. It's a lie of the devil! It's contrary to the Word of God. If that was so, Brother Branham did wrong when he ordained that man who was married twice. But he had faith in what the Lord had told him on the mountain, and he said God forgave this brother, therefore we will ordain him as a minister.

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**Question#135:** "I was a pastor in denomination, received the message, and got baptized. I want to continue to be a pastor, but my wife is still in denomination. What should I do?"

**Answer:** There is a qualification for any minister; not only a pastor, but anybody that will handle the Word of God, and part of that qualification has to do with his wife and his children. As long as they're living under his roof, they must be in the faith. That is according to 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. His wife must be in subjection. It is written over in Genesis 3: 16 when the Lord commanded the woman, He said, "... thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." That is the commandment. If she breaks that commandment, she cannot go in the rapture. It is a serious affair. I quote the prophet:

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**Quote:** E-45 " And then all the holiness in the Bible that's been preached and what you've been taught, you still, you women strip yourselves and go half naked. You men do just as contrary. **You set around, let your wife act like that, and dress like that, and say nothing about it. Well, you puppet. How would you ever make a preacher? How would you make a deacon? If you can't control your own house, what are you going to do in the house of God? That's the reason the house of God's in the shape it's in today. We need men with brass knucks to preach the Gospel, to uncover sin and show where it's at, not some little petty thing"(Door to the heart 58-0302).**

**HAVE TO BE CHANGE & PERVERTED TO LIVE WITH MY WIFE IF SHE'S DOING IT**

**Quote:** 316-157 "And you men that'll let your wives do those kind of things, I've got little hopes of you as a man. And that's right. Any man that'll let his wife get out on the street and act like that, brother, you ought to be wearing her clothes. That's right. I won't say my wife won't do it, but I have to be changed and perverted to what I am now if I ever live with her while she's doing it." (Hebrews.chapter.7.pt.1 57-0915e).

This precious brother, he was a pastor in denomination, received the message, got baptized and desires to continue to be a pastor, but then his wife is still in denomination. He's asking; "What should I do?" **The very reason that a brother will ask such a question is because he has doubts, if he should preach or not.** Then the scripture that I will refer this brother to is **1 Timothy 3, it is absolutely necessary that your wife be in the faith. If she is in organization, that is not the faith, because organizations teach contrary to the faith of Jesus Christ.**

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**Question#136:** : "I believe the message and desire to be a pastor. People used to appreciate me, is this a calling or should I wait for a supernatural call like Samuel?"

: There are many who desire to be pastors, and there is no problem with that. The Bible said that, *"This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work."* (1 Timothy 3). But **there are qualifications and requirements in the Scripture that must be met. And the very reason that this person asked this question, because people appreciate him and appreciate his preaching, shows that he has doubts on his calling.** And the question is, "Should I wait on a supernatural call like Samuel?" We know how Samuel was called. The Lord called him three times; "Samuel, Samuel, Samuel", and then the Lord called him and sent him. But the idea is that **a desire to preach is a long ways from being called to preach.** A man could desire to preach for many reasons. These precious brothers said that they came out of organizations and that they preached in organization. Now sometimes a man could be in organization and get so **accustomed to preaching, to be recognized as a minister, treated as a minister, paid as a minister and live in a certain way, until when he receives the message and comes out of his organization, he do not want to turn loose of that. He wants to be appreciated as a minister, looked upon as a minister and then that man must pay the price of humbling himself.** And this could be playing out here, because here is a desire, a man gets baptized, he belongs to the message and he wants to continue to pastor.

There is something here that is most important. This first brother has a problem with his wife. He came out and his wife never came out; she is yet in organization. Being that his wife is in organization, he is disqualified from using the pulpit. He may have a call but he must make his calling an election sure. **He must have his house in order which is one of the qualifications.** In organization they dress dirty, live dirty, act dirty and believe dirty. So under no condition could this brother have control of his wife. Therefore if he cannot control his house and cannot control his wife and his wife is not in the faith, this has disqualified him. *"One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?"* (1 Timothy 3 :4-5).

Alright, so this next brother wants to know if he could continue as a pastor because people appreciated his preaching and he wants to know if he must wait on a supernatural call. **Now we must first check our motives and objectives, and that simply means to ask a sincere question way down in your heart, "Why do I**

**want to preach?"** There are many men who arose and desired to use the pulpit. They desired to be looked upon as prophets, even as Elijah the prophet, even as Noah the prophet and even as Michael the Archangel. Now it's a desire that a man has, to use the pulpit. To be honest with them; we took them and put them on the pulpit here, and let them tell us all about their ministries. We came to find out that they had a self-exalted spirit, antichrist spirits, their motives and objectives were wrong. We cast them out of the church because they didn't want to repent, and they never amounted to nothing. Some became mad, some became sad, and some are in the world and they amounted to nothing. **Your motives and objectives must be right. It must be right. That means that you've got to have one desire and that is for the salvation of man's soul; it doesn't matter if you get a penny or you are recognized or if you are popular or people appreciate you or don't appreciate you.** So now the best way to approach any kind of a desire to preach is to take that desire that comes to you, and with an honest and a sincere heart-I am not talking about lip service-I am talking about honesty from within the soul; and take that desire into consideration with your salvation, and put that desire on the altar. That means to go to prayer. Don't tell anybody about it. Go to prayer, and say, "Lord, if this desire to preach is selfish and for a natural reason, please take it away from my heart."

Now that's the way we must approach God for anything in this life: a husband, a wife, a building, a motorcar, a dress; don't matter what it is, anything that you desire and you are not sure about it, the thing for you to do, to find God's will is that you put it on the altar and go and travail with God. **Don't matter how much you desire that, want that, crave that and long for that, never be a slave to your desires! Anytime you become a slave to your desires, affections and emotions, you cannot fulfill the will of God.** And you take that and put it on the altar and say, "Lord, my interest is eternal life. I don't want anything to take me away from eternal life". Here is a certain desire of my heart; not my will but thine be done." And you take that and put it on the altar. God is big enough to remove that desire if that desire is just coming from your own affection and own desire. And then, **if it is the Lord, that desire will get stronger and it will burn into a certain place, until you can no longer bear it. Then you will have no selfish motives and no natural reasons whatsoever for preaching. You just want to do that because you feel that it is pleasing to the Lord.**

It must not be because you were a minister in organization and want to continue, or because somebody said that you preach well or because people loved you at that time. No! **It must be a burning desire, which is one of the first indications of a supernatural call. That burning desire goes before the supernatural experience; you were born with that.** That call was in you when you were born. That is going to show up some time in life and it's going to start troubling you. That is before any supernatural experience and is even more sure than a supernatural experience, because I have seen people who had supernatural experiences and some spirit spoke to them and told them that they are a prophet, and they are this and they are that, and gave them a vision and gave them a dream and they went out there and were pierced through with many sorrows. Come to find out it was a selfish motive behind that and the devil got a hold of it and really made havoc. However, **I believe in a supernatural experience to tie down a call that a man will have.**

### **NO RIGHT TO PREACH 'LESS MEETS THAT PILLAR OF FIRE**

**Quote:** 37-1 *"No man has a right to preach 'less he like Moses, meets Him out there in that sacred grounds, that Pillar of Fire hanging there, where he knows where he's at." (Future Home 64-0802).*

### **HAS NO RIGHT TO PREACH UNTIL HE MEET GOD HIMSELF**

**Quote:** E-36 *"There is no preacher, by God, has never been ordained to stand behind the sacred desk until first he's had a conference with God, and come upon those sacred sands where him and God alone stand." (Having Conferences 60-0608).*

### **WHAT WE NEED IS A BURNING BUSH EXPERIENCE**

**Quote:** E-34 *"And what we need today in our seminaries, it's not so much theology to be taught, but a burning bush experience." (At Kadesh Barnea 56-0527)*

### **UNTIL HE HAS THAT BACK-OF-THE-DESERT EXPERIENCE**

**Quote:** E-9 *"And every man that goes to the field to preach the Gospel should never leave until he has that back-of-the-desert experience." (The Sin.Of.Unbelief. 58-0517e).*

### **GOD TRAINS HIS MEN THEN ANOINTS THEM, GIVES AN EXPERIENCE**

**Quote:** E-12 *"God trains His men then anoints them, gives an experience." (Why.Cry.Speak 59-1004e).*

### **HAVE NO RIGHT TO PREACH UNTIL YOU'VE HAD AN EXPERIENCE WITH GOD**

**Quote:** E-29 *"You can have a call of God on your life; you can know that you're called to the ministry, but you have no right to preach the Gospel until you've had an experience with God." (From.That.Time 60-0302).*

### **FIRST HAVE AN EXPERIENCE WITH GOD BEFORE HE GOES**

**Quote:** E-35 "It was God Himself. He came to the burning bush, and He spoke to Moses before He sent him out. **I believe that every man, before he goes out on the field to preach the Gospel, ought to first have an experience with God before he goes.**" (Hear.Ye.Him 62-0711).

### **HAS RIGHT TO PREACH UNLESS COME FACE TO FACE WITH IT LIKE MOSES**

**Quote:** 52 "**No man has the right behind this pulpit to preach the Gospel unless he has come face to face with It.** Like Moses on the backside of the desert." (An Absolute 63-1201m).

### **DON'T PREACH UNTIL YOU RECEIVE POWER FROM ON HIGH**

**Quote:** 116 "**Don't preach until you go up to the city of Jerusalem and receive power from on high, then you shall be witnesses of Me.**" (Looking.Unto.Jesus 64-0122).

Other similar quotations can be found on the messages entitled: "Why? 63-0626 77, Perseverant 62-0729 E-45, Why Am I Against Organized Religion 62-1111e 229, and then of course, each one of us knows, (Trying to do God a service without His will 65-0718M) there, are five must." That was properly laid out. **And my advice to these precious brethren who desire to use the pulpit; I come to find out that in many poor countries, that many a man wants to go to the pulpit to make that a form of job.** Yes. When you speak to them they say, "I am doing the ministry, my son is doing the ministry and my next brother is doing the ministry", because jobs are very hard. So you find that they get about five or ten people and open up a little church and from that little church they live, and they get a hand out from an evangelist that passes by or from foreign lands, and try to work with that. Now that is a dangerous thing. **You will be better of digging dirt, as a poor man, than to enter the pulpit of God in order for a job.**

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**Question#137:** : "I am a minister of the message. I was married before I came. I want to obey every commandment of God. My wife is worldly and don't want to hear the message, what must I do: separate from her for the ministry or leave the ministry?"

**Answer::** Now do you see the kinds of problems that exist around the world, and do you see that 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 just cannot take care of all these questions? It can only be the basis, that we can form our thoughts upon, but it cannot handle these things that are rising in this age.

There is an answer in the Bible for this question. First of all I would advise, **be certain that you are called!** To leave your wife for the gospel sake, it takes a

burning call, and that call must be burning more than your heart is burning for your wife. **When God puts a burning to preach the gospel and serve his people, beloved, that is so much stronger than the affection for your family and affection for your wife**, that such flame burns lower than the flame that God puts into the soul for the preaching of the gospel.

So now the first thing that is involved here, my brother, is to be certain of your calling! Make your calling an election sure. And it seems to me that your desire is right. It seems to me that you are a believer. The very reason that you are asking this question is because you want to make a decision between serving your wife and serving God. You say that you want to keep every commandment of God and your wife is worldly. There is something in your question, and that is that you are saying that you are a minister and your wife is worldly and you came to the message. That means that you were preaching all along while your wife was worldly. So, from what I am reading here, you were a minister all the time with your wife worldly and you spoiled her, and this cannot be corrected in a day.

Now if God has really called you to preach His message, He will put that burning in your heart and, no doubt, you will have some sort of a supernatural experience, and it seems to me from your expression that you love God, you want to keep His every commandment, and you want to follow the instruction that the Lord gave you, since you heard the message. **Now, it is even wrong for a believer to allow his wife to be worldly in his house and continue to live with her, and much more so for a minister. A wife must live under certain conditions if she will continue to live with you as a believer!** That woman, when you embrace the faith, you just don't throw out the woman, burn up her clothes like some crazy fellows, and get a piece of wood and beat her to come to church. Remember that you were drinking rum too, you spoiled the woman, you bought the pants for her, you put on the mini dress, you gave her a bath suit, you carried her down to the beach, you took her to the dance hall, and now the Lord convicted you and brought you to the Word of God. So you don't behave like an angel that fell from heaven and want a change over night by force.

So now, after hearing the Gospel; I am talking about a believer, and even more so a preacher here; you need to go home and discuss matters in the most humble way with your wife, explain to her your new findings, let her know what you have embraced, let her know the different commitments that you have as a husband, as a brother, and beg her to help you to be qualified as a son of God. Let her know that you are not going to force your religion up on her. "Lady, in order for me to qualify as a son of God, my house has to be in order, you will have to give up the pants, we will sell the television, the girl children will not be wearing any pants, we won't have any alcohol or rum in here, you would not be wearing any more mini skirts, you would not be chopping your hair again and you would not be wearing any more high heel shoes". And you could expect some resistance, and maybe some cuffs on your head. You cannot command her. Let her know that these are the requirements to qualify you. And she may say, "Mister gentleman, if I don't do that, what is the decision?" "Well lady, if you will continue to walk as you walk, in the process of time, I may have to **separate in order to qualify as a Christian**. I don't expect you to change overnight; I am inviting you to church, would you please go with me and see where I am going, see what I am hearing and what I am believing?"

One precious brother, very desperate for the Word, he embraced this faith. I tell you, he was so desperate, his wife said he had gone mad. She got a hold of him and said, "I want to take you to the psychiatrist, that is the only way I will prove that you are not mad?" And he just said, "Yes, I am ready to go, but you have to pay the bill". So he went down to the psychiatrist, the psychiatrist put him down there, asked him all kinds of questions, and the psychiatrist looked at his wife, looked at him and said, "He is okay, nothing is wrong with him; go home". O yes, so she chose to go on and believe what she believes as a catholic and gave this man freedom to serve the Lord in the message. Listen, if a woman really loves you and a man really loves you, I believe they will come to some kind of agreement, knowing you are not drinking, you are not smoking and you aren't coming to beat them. I believe any sensible woman would want to do that, and anybody that loves their husband ought to listen to a voice like that.

So my friend, if you are really called of God, that desire is burning in your heart and you have no selfish motives for preaching or getting rid of your wife to marry another, then you need to put her to sit down and say, "Lady, I am a minister of the gospel. Things I did not know before, I now know, and I want to discuss matters with you; I have a decision to make. It is either that I go along with you and I choose you, give up my preaching and lose my soul." The question is, "What should I do, give her up, or give up the ministry". **If you are called my brother, it is a sin to give up the ministry!** The Lord called a man one time. He said, "*You, come and preach the kingdom of God with me*". He said, "*Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father*". Jesus said unto him, "*Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God*". "*And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house*". And Jesus said unto him, "*No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God*". (Luke 9: 59-62).

**Putting your hand to the plough as a minister, my friend, is actually to take up the responsibility of preaching the gospel, and that man was called, but he was studying his relatives back home. In other words, "Don't let the living nor the dead stand before you when God calls you to service. Neither the living nor the dead must stand between you and God if he has called you to service.**

Alright, is there a scripture for that? "*Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you... every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.* (St Matthew 19: 27-29). **So now there is a scripture here that if you are a minister that is called of God, and that woman becomes a problem, that house becomes a problem and children become a problem, your choice must be to preach the gospel!** Here is a scripture that is saying that you must be separated if those children, mother, father, or that wife become a stumbling and you already put your hand to the plough, don't look back. Yes, we will have supernatural experiences, sure, but that burning desire is a great thing.

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**Question#138:**"If a man gets baptized, say he is called, wants to become a pastor, what must we do? Is there any vindication?"

**Answer:**We have these kinds of things that will come up in the House of God. We will have people who desire to hold the office of a preacher, evangelist, apostle, prophet, but then every person must be proven. *"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."* (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

"Is there a vindication that when a brother just got baptized, and then he rises up and says, 'I am called! I want to use the pulpit'?" Now I don't have very much confidence in that. "Is there a vindication? Is there a way to know, these things?" This is why the Lord set his servants over the church. **The minister, after speaking to that brother, must have that discernment to discern his motives and objectives, number one, look and see if he is qualified for that job, and then look and see the ability, that he has.** So you cannot depend on a vindication that the brother said that he went to the woods, he was praying and a ball of fire fell from a tree. Like one man told me he is a prophet. I said, "How do you know that?" He said, "I went down to the river and the whole bamboo patch caught a fire, and that was the burning bush of fire like Moses". May be it was crop time (Dry season), and some fire got away from the cane fields. So we have to be careful with these kinds of vindications.

Another man embraced the message of the hour, was trying to preach it, and he came to my house and said that he is a prophet, and he wants to preach the seals to me". I said, "The seals are already opened". So he went up to another preacher friend of mine and he "broke the seals" in his house. After a little while he came back and said, "Do you know I'm not following this message anymore?" I said, "Why?" He said, "I was lying on top my bed, I had these 'Branham books' a little way from my bed, and all the books fell and hit me on my head, and from that time I knew that this message is wrong." Now we have to be careful with these superstitions. **We are filled with superstitions in the Caribbean here. These superstitions came from Africa and from India, and we have a big hangover here, but in India and Africa you have the original, so you must be careful with any kind of supernatural.**

The greatest way to find the will of God is to lay on the altar of sacrifice, put your will upon it and seek Almighty God. That is more sure that a vindication and any kind of supernatural experience. O we could go on and tell about all these kinds of superstitions and things that people depend upon.

That is why the Lord set a leader, he set a pastor, and if the pastor don't have that discernment he needs to consult with somebody that has more discernment, then they'll speak to this fellow, examine him by the Word, check his motives and objectives, and number one and very important, the Bible said that he should not be a novice (one young in Christian faith) to hold an office of any kind in the House of God, *lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.* (1 Timothy 3:6). He must be mature enough. He don't just go and get baptized and come back and say, "I want to preach". **There is something wrong with that motive and objective. When a man sees the Word of God, he came and met people who had been there for five, ten, fifteen years sitting and waiting, and for a man to just come in for six months or one year, and come and ask the**

**pastor to preach, something is wrong with the man senses, something is wrong with his head to begin with; something is definitely wrong**, and any time you allow that to get away in the House of God, you will have problems. Here is Brother Branham's advice to people:

### **IF GOD HASN'T CALLED YOU TO BE A PREACHER, YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT**

**Quote:** E-16 *"But God, and for the perfecting of the Church, has set in the church, apostles... **So there's apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelist, and so forth. Them are selected by God alone.** No matter how much you go to school, how well you're educated, how well you want to preach, **if God hasn't called you to be a preacher, you'll never make it.** That's right. You'll just be a stumbling block in a real preacher's way. That's exactly. **"Gifts and callings are without repentance."** Correctly. **I'd rather my boy be a preacher than anything I know of, but God will have to do that. No one else can do it. That's right, God will have to do it.**" (Jesus Christ the same 56-0225).*

**Preaching is a serious affair, and when we talk about preaching, and we talking about a pastor or an apostle leading a congregation, that's a different thing.** It is very easy to stand up and preach a message from the pulpit, but when you talk about having people's souls in your hands, where they trust your every word as the oracles of God, you'd better know what you are talking about. God is going to hold you responsible.

### **THE THINGS THAT YOU SAY, GOD HOLDS YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM**

**Quote:** 40 *"**Ministers... the things that you say, God holds you responsible for them.** So you must come, praying and asking God what to say, and then depend on Him when you get in the platform for something that will help the people." (Influence 63-1130B).*

So more than likely, when a fellow just got baptized, and comes up to this place and he has a desire to preach immediately, **there is some selfish motive involved.**

**There is a great danger** whenever a man comes from organization, denomination, the world, a Hindu religion, Muslim religion, or comes from an African religion and he gets baptized. **This baptism dose not take away all those seeds of discrepancy from the man's soul.** He needs to sit down until every seed of discrepancy is taken away from his heart. And that is where the people made the biggest mistake in this message. **They came straight from organizations, with those organizational seeds, took the message, started preaching and hybrid the message with their denominational seeds.** Right now we have hybrid Baptists under the message, hybrid Presbyterian, hybrid Catholics, and you could very well hybrid the Hindu religion into this message because you never laid on the altar until all those seeds of idolatry leave your heart, and that is what happened to that great man called

Paulaseer Lawrie. That is why he made himself the tenth incarnation of the Hindu god called Krishna. You've got to pluck up those seeds.

**When a man comes to this message from organization and from the world, he should go under a purging**, listen attentively, pray, repent, sit and hear the Word of God that you could understand right, and give up those old conceptions, those old thoughts, those old seeds, and **if you don't give them up, when you hear the message**, what will happen is that **you will hybrid it, and you will actually think that you are preaching the message, but you have a hybrid message and if you have a hybrid message you will produce hybrid and perverted members, then an evil spirit will follow you.**

So there are many in India and in Africa who are very ambitious to preach and many times it is motivated by poverty, where they get little congregations together and they recently come out from their old religion of idolatry, both Africa and India, idol worshipers, and then they bring over those seeds, have the same spirit from their religion, hybrid the seeds with the message and then they make something like the message, and then they would produce members like that. The greatest thing you could do **when you come to this message is to sit down and learn at the feet of Jesus Christ; find somebody who could teach you the Word of God.**

**So under this condition here, you are yet a novice**, one young in Christian faith, you've just come from the water, just came from the organization and from the world, and **you cannot use the pulpit**. Your motives and objectives must be discerned by the leaders. You could say what supernatural vindication that you have, I am looking at your motives and objectives; that is where we ought to look.

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**Question#139:**

**Heretical Article No. 131:**

"Can a pastor ordain his son?"

**Answer:: Yes. If his son is proven to be genuinely called of God and he meets the qualifications of the scripture, [1 Timothy, Titus], if his life is correct, if his motives and objectives are correct, then his father, it doesn't matter what office he holds, can ordain his son as a gospel preacher.**

The question continues, "**Can a pastor ordain him as his successor, to take over the church?**"

**Answer:** Now this here is becoming a popular heresy, around the message, right here in the western world, right here in Trinidad, and I have heard of this heresy around the world. Now this is a selfish motive. Look at the difference with a man who was sent of God, and love God.

**GOD WILL HAVE TO DO THAT**

**Quote:** E-16 "Gifts and callings are without repentance." Correctly. ***I'd rather my boy be a preacher than anything I know of, but God will have to do that. No one else can do it. That's right, God will have to do it.*** (Jesus Christ the same 56-0225).

That prophet had no selfish motive to make Billy Paul his successor or make his son Joseph be successor of his message, his ministry, or the tabernacle in which he preached. He was an emptied vessel and has set the example for every preacher in the message. Billy Paul became a big man, and Brother Branham said in another quotation:

### **GOD NEVER CALLED BILLY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL**

**Quote:** E-2 "***I was thinking maybe Billy, my boy would be a minister, but looks like he isn't.***" (Abraham's Seed 59-0423).

**Quote:** 297 "***I thought maybe Billy would preach the Gospel. God never called him.***" (Is your life worthy 63-0630e).

Now that is honesty friend; that is the right motives and objectives. This is an example for every minister in the message to follow.

There is something in man that any time a man starts behaving like that, he reveals that he has selfish motives and that he is working for a natural kingdom. He is trying to protect the tithes in the church, he is trying to protect the offering, he is trying to protect the building, and he is trying to protect the people and keep it in the family. That is kings' succession. Kings and queens does that, and that's a natural kingdom.

We have that going on right now in Africa. I heard of tribal problems in the message that certain people would only go to church where their tribesman is preaching, and they have kingship in the message. These are some of the heresies that I have to deal with a little later. So they follow the message according to their tribe and you have a king over there and he has a big church, running. He is a king of a tribe, so this here is tribal affair. **When a man wants his son to take over the church, on a natural basis, it is heresy. He has a successor that he wants to put there.** Now this is in the religious realms also that here Billy Graham is going out, and first he wanted his son to be his successor, and something happened, I read in a magazine, that his daughter would have to succeed him now, and he was Bush's religious advisor. So this woman would be, no doubt, the president's religious advisor. So you see the kinds of selfish motives.

Right in Venezuela here, there is a man over there who ordained his son to take over the church, and his son is halfway backslidden. I heard of a story, way over in New York, another man's son is not walking right and he ordained him to take over the church soon after he dies. It goes to show that the whole thing has become organizational, natural and satanic. My beloved, **if a man's son fits the office, and he is called of God, then a pastor is right in place to ordain that man.** If Billy Paul had fit the qualification, Brother Branham would ordain him, but then Brother Branham being an honest man, he said, "***God never called Billy Paul to preach***". I

**don't care what anybody says and anybody do, my brother, if the prophet says it that way it stands that way.**

Now because of this natural way of thinking, there are a lot of fears in people's hearts, that many times the pastor may put his son to run the church after him. **You don't have to suffer any fears like that over here, beloved. Who is qualified, is qualified, and who is not qualified, is not qualified.** A post must not be given and a man must not be ordained upon the basis of race, society or upon money that he might have. **It must be all the by will of Almighty God and it must be in the Spirit.** Who is qualified must use the pulpit, and who is not qualified don't use the pulpit. **These are our standards here, and this is what we have practiced for all the years at Bethel, who is not qualified, sit down.**

Loans are not given here by race. Help to one another is not given by race. No sir! We never had that here, and we won't have it here, and we thank God for this bond of love, bond of unity, and we thank God for this bond of fellowship that only the Word can produce. So this is a terrible heresy that is arising around the world where men want to turn over the pulpit whether or not that son is called, and put the whole church in the hands of that backslidden son. It comes just as if I bring my backslidden son and shape him up a little bit because I am going to die, and then say now, "I am going to ordain him to take care of the flock". **Brother, that is selling the birthright of the church. That's damning souls. Any sensible man would not sit under that because the pastor has revealed his unfaithfulness.**

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**Question#140:** "Is it unscriptural for one to be a minister if his previous record in the world was bad-criminal activities, adulterer, fornicator, or gambler?"

**Answer:** Wonderful question. A question that probably we never thought about because we have no such problems here. We have a bed of roses. Yes! You come to church in sweetness and go back in sweetness. You take the ministers for granted. **They never had to repent for adultery in twenty-five, thirty, thirty-five years, so you take it for granted that every church is the same thing and there are nice people everywhere. It is not so nice out there. No!**

This is a sincere heart. Alright, "is it right for such a man to be ordained or desire to preach the gospel?" We go right back to the first answer my beloved, when you come to the gospel, you repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins. Your sins are forgiven you alright. But **when you name yourself as a Christian, go back home in your village and start living, people don't believe it, especially if you had a bad record**, they don't believe it, and they will tell you to your face, "I give you one month, three months, or one year". **They don't believe it. Since they don't believe it, then you cannot jump up on the pulpit as yet. You should not ordain a novice** (one young in Christian faith). Brother Paul was right.

Before that man could ever do anything in the House of God and hold any office in the House of God, he must first be proven. **He must convince the doubters concerning his salvation that this thing that I found is real**, so he would prove to

them that he stopped drinking rum, he's no more an adulterer, he's not a fornicator, not in any more criminal activities. Time must be given for the unsaved to be convinced that this thing is real. It may take a year, it may take two years, it may take three years according to the criminal activities that you were involved in, **until he develops a good report of them that are without.** *"Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."* (1 Timothy 3:7). That is one of the qualifications to be a bishop. That means he must have a good report amongst the unsaved. Now, none of us had a good report and we cannot depend upon the good report when we were unsaved. The good report is when you become a Christian. So before that man uses the pulpit he must have a testimony that he established.

According to how bad his record was, it may take some more time than a fellow who was not involved in many things. A fellow who came from organization may not have to wait that long, but this man, everybody knows him around the country as a terrorist. They just got to take time to believe that because this terrorist could be trying something through religion.

Then, after that, in your district now, everybody is surprised and they will start saying, "That man is a changed man". They will evil speak you too because you're no longer drinking rum with them, you aren't stealing with them and you aren't beating anybody for them, but behind your back they will say, "He's really changed. I'm telling you, I used to steal with him; he isn't stealing anymore". Now you have a good report of them that are without. If the Lord wants you to preach now, He will put that burning desire in your heart, call you, train you and then send you to preach the gospel into all the world.

Alright, you say, "Give me an example in the Bible of a man who had criminal activities and then came to the gospel and preached?" I know of a man called Dr. Saul and he was consenting to criminal activities in stoning Stephen and then he was forcing the Christians to blaspheme. He was in religion and had a good testimony amongst the Pharisees. He was a Pharisee of the Pharisees, and after he came to the gospel, he became one of the greatest and the most renowned preachers of the Bible. Up to now we are following his instructions. He changed so much until the Lord called him Paul. Saul means "Big one", but Paul means "little one". So he humbled himself on the road to Damascus.

So a man who comes from such a background, the Lord could call the man, gift him and let him preach; and don't you think that Peter was an easy man. You could see what kind of fellow he used to be. Just before the outpouring came at Pentecost, that fellow displayed some things. He was a violent man, he was a warrior, and he chopped off a man's ear with a sword. The Lord said, *"Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him."* (Luke 22: 50-51). O! We're looking for that power! I don't know how people could settle down for something dead after they read about all the miracles, all the signs, all the wonders and want to think they are going away in the rapture just like this. It's blasphemy! My brother we are going to see signs and wonders greater than all that is written in the Bible.

## SIGNS AND WONDERS DONE BY THE APOSTLES WOULD BE A MINOR THING

**Quote:** E-3 *"But if all of the full Gospel people would come one heart and one accord, **there would be a revival that would shake the whole world.** And every spiritual gift would be in the Church within a hour's time after it took place. **Signs and wonders that was done by the apostles would be a minor thing** to what would be if we could just get the Church together. **It's got to happen. It will happen. It may be after I've passed off the scene.** But I want to put my word in this that you might know, that my voice is this."* (Angel of God 48-0304)

So the Lord is going to pour out his Holy Spirit, and signs and wonders done by the Apostles will be a minor thing. I am looking for that! The prophet of God said that it may be after he's gone, but it's going to be here. Yes, it's going to be here! Children of God, when you talk about the supernatural, something from the inside raises up, because we are a supernatural people, we came from heaven and we are going back to heaven. We are children of the kingdom. But when people believe "**all is over**", it goes to show where they belong. **When a man preaches that doctrine, all is over for him. It's a doctrine of the devil. Oh yes!**

## DON'T LISTEN TO THESE HIRELING SHEPHERDS; THEY'LL LEAD YOU ASTRAY

**Quote:** 185 *"Men and women, God promised in this last days that He'd pour out His Spirit upon all flesh. He promised He'd send the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and He'd call a Bride without spot or wrinkle. He promised to do it; He'll do it. **Don't listen to these hireling shepherds; they'll lead you astray.** The Holy Spirit is the Shepherd to feed you sheep food from His Word. It always comes by the Shepherd. He is our Shepherd. Listen to Him; you are the sheep of His fold; **if you are, you hear His Voice, not what somebody else says; you hear what He says. A strange voice, you know nothing about it.**"* (Why It Had To Be Shepherds 64-1221).

So the Lord could call anybody. Peter wasn't a joking fellow and I don't believe that those other fellows were either. The Lord called two fellows, "Sons of thunder". I will tell you why those fellows were like that. They were brought up under the law and it was hard for them to turn the other cheek. It was "Eye for eye and tooth for tooth". They heard from little children that if a man digs out your eye, dig out his eye, if a man chops off your arm, chop off his arm; blood for blood. How could you change that mind.

Here is a man called Jesus talking to the Jews; He said, "Forgive seventy times seven". Boy, I tell you, they were brought up under a certain system and it isn't easy to change all of that. **So, the blood of Jesus Christ, God's son cleanses us from all unrighteousness. A man is called, he is sanctified, he obtained a good report from the unsaved, he lives a new life and he holds the Word of God in his heart, then he is qualified to preach; it doesn't matter what life he lived back there, God has called him.**

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**Question#141:**"How to know if a minister is called and failure of his ministry. This is an important question, please answer?"

**Answer:**Well, again we go back to the same quotation that we just read. Your motives and objectives must be right; see what the man is aiming at. **If he is aiming for hire he's a hireling**, and if he is aiming at the sheep he's a shepherd. So you go back to St. John the 10th chapter and study what the Lord laid out there concerning the hireling. The hireling is after the hire, the shepherd is after the sheep. **You see any minister climbs up on the pulpit and ask you to give a pastor's love offering to buy a motor-car, he is a hireling! He is not called of God.** And they have a pastor's wife's love offering. He is a hireling! He is working for hire. And then they have an offering for the pastor's family trip to the next country for vacation. He's a hireling! Yes. They have passed hireling now. They are a bunch of butchers! Yes! They cause the people to pay their tithes and offering, and, on top of that, there are all kinds of building offering, love offering, pastor's love offering and pastor's appreciation day. A sick preacher seeks attention.

#### **IT'S ONLY THE SICK THAT DEMANDS ATTENTION**

**Quote:** *E-30 "It's only the sick that demands attention... And **when you see a preacher... that wants attention: "I'm somebody," just remember, there's a spiritual sick person.**" (Images Of Christ 59-0525).*

My brother, you take St. John 10 and just watch those two spirits: one in the shepherd, and the other in the hireling. **Thank God for good shepherds in our midst. In all thirty-six years of ministering, not one time did they ever beg this congregation for a penny. We never had an appreciation day for them; we never had a pastor's love offering or nothing like that. These men have proven themselves that they want to be honest with the sheep; never quarreled for a salary here nor never grumbled yet for a penny at no time. If something is given to them they are thankful for it. They never demand anything even because they are not hirelings.**

This message ought to put faith in your heart; St. John 10 ought to help you recognize what you have in your midst. We have lovely men of God, we have gallant servants of God and many times I know that they could use that money, they will never open their mouths and even ask for it, some brother something has to be real distressful for they to even ask for one penny. You aren't going to get this better than what you have. I'm telling you the truth. God is leading us. So this is how you know a shepherd from a hireling.

A shepherd that is after the sheep, if they are going wrong he will tell them about it; he will correct that sheep, he will chastise that sheep and he will break the leg of that sheep. But a hireling would pamper them because he wants the hire. He don't set word standards in the church. No! Every standard that is set in the church is to protect his hire. So that is how you know whether a minister is called of God; and the

failure of any man's ministry is to love money like Judas, to love money like Balaam. The prophet of God said that Balaam was a hireling prophet. You see he went out after Balak for hire. He also said that there are many hirelings around the world today for hire.

### **HOW MANY BALAAMS IS IN THIS WORLD TONIGHT**

**Quote:** 208 "***Balaam, a hireling prophet, one that loved money more than he loved God... .. Wonder how many Balaams is in this world tonight? Methodist ministers, Baptist ministers, Catholic priests.***" (Pergamean Church Age 60-1207).

Things that could fail a man's ministry is a love for money, popularity... A man wants to be popular, known, he wants to be recognized, he wants everybody to know who's leading here. Anytime you see that spirit, the man is not called and he is not born again. There is pride in his heart and pride goeth before destruction. "*Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.*" (Proverbs 16:18). So the man is not called of God. So money, popularity and women, those three are the downfall of any man's ministry. All three have thrown down the ministers around the world, and all three are throwing down the ministers around the message of the hour.

### **MINISTERS WEAK SPOT - MONEY, WOMEN, POPULARITY**

**Quote:** E-19 "***Here's three things that I've noticed in reading of other ministers. If this ever gets ahold of a minister, it's got him. And there's a weak spot: money, women, popularity. That's right. Dodge the very appearance of it.***" (Life Story William Branham 50-0820a).

### **SATAN GOES TO WORKING WITH THAT MINISTER IN THREE MAJOR THINGS**

**Quote:** E-20 "***There's three things that I've watched in my life, in the reading of other ministers, when God blesses a minister just a little bit above maybe someone else, or give him an opportunity to do a little more work for Him or something, the first thing that Satan goes to working with that minister is three things, major things. The first thing is money, women, popularity. He will work on him with money, or if he can get him to... Like his first bait, that's like in the garden of Eden. Well, or if he can get him to thinking he's something when he ain't nothing, he's got him right then.***" (Second.Miracle 51-0729e).

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**Question#142:**

**Heretical Article No. 132:**

"Should there be any positions in the church like president, chairman or directors?"

Now, this is a heresy. **Anytime you want to bring under the message, president, chairman or directors, we are getting like the Catholic Church, and the**

**organizations.** These are man-made inventions. You may be a director of a company, certain countries, churches must be registered under a company act to be functional. Those directors are in a different category and should not be used, as a superior office to that of the five-fold ministry.

Now the reason that people want to be called president is to receive honor. "Do you know who is standing behind the pulpit there? President Bruce." And he wants to share that honor a little bit so he don't want Mr. Jones there to be jealous. So, he says, "Now I want to acknowledge chairman Jones, and its nice to have you cardinal Chandler and international evangelist Patrick Peniston; and I would have you to know that I am the president of the whole thing." **There is one who is our president and that is Jesus Christ.** He said, one is your master and Lord, and we serve President Jesus. "*But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.*" (Matthew 23:8).

So, now the Catholic Church is responsible for making up all these titles from popes, to cardinals, to bishops, with a different meaning than the Bible and then come right down to priest, the Jesuits, all these kinds of mother superiors and father superiors. And hear the organizations "Reverend". Hear the priest: "Father". The Bible says to call no man father upon the earth. "*And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.*" (Matthew 23:9). So there is no room for none of these titles. All that we have in the Bible are Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, Evangelists, Pastors and we have elders, deacons, helps and a few other things. Humble and simple. The nicolations anti-Christ spirit, prevalent around the message, is trying to socialize the ministry. Ministers and their families fellowship with the rich, educated, and professional church members. They have made the office of pastor, evangelist etc. equal titles to that of worldly professions, doctors, lawyers, judges and politicians etc. Although such titles such as Popes, cardinals, superintendent etc, are not verbally used, the spirit of organizations and the Catholic church dominates many ministers.

This spirit has separated the clergy from the laity. Jesus ate and drank with publicans and sinners, but such ministers have exalted themselves greater than him and the early Apostles. These have proven to be gentiles in their spirit, without the Holy Spirit, therefore they are not spiritual Jews who are circumcised inwardly, they seek honor instead of the spiritual welfare of the sheep; such are hirelings and not true shepherds. The gentile seeks honor one of another. "*But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.*" (Mark 10:42-44).

So we don't we don't have these kind of titles here. And they have the president of the Sunday school. All these titles are given to them as long they could get a little pride out of it. People belong to that church and will turn down the truth to be in that assembly because when they walk in there, people would say, "Do you know who goes there? That's the president of the Sunday school and that's the president of the library". Yes, everybody gets a little pride and satisfaction.

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**Question#143:** "Should minister's meetings be held often?"

**Answer::** There is no commandment nor instructions given by our Lord concerning keeping ministers meetings, yet there were minister's meetings kept in the Bible, but it was not a rule and regulation. It was simply held when the need arose. That's the important thing. But around the world, they have gone the way of the organizations and in the organizations they have minister's meetings every two weeks, because it's a business. Most of the time they are talking about how to make money or who rob who and who did not get enough, and that occupies most of the time.

So, now in organization they have minister's meeting convened every two months, and the president's got to be there, overseers, the assistant overseers and the general overseers, they get together; and then the president, the chairman and then the pope and then the cardinal. Now this is the pattern of Babylon, the catholic church; this is the pattern of organization and that is what they want to bring into the message today, and when we don't attend they have that against us and say that we don't attend minister's meetings, and use it as a carnal weapon of war against us.

Yes, that was held in the scriptures in the Old and New Testament. The first ministers' meeting that I know of was when the Lord ordained twelve, then he ordained seventy, then a wonderful ministers' meeting took place and that is he gathered with the twelve for communion. That was a ministers' meeting. And then the church went on and we never heard anything about a minister's meeting until there arose a problem between the Jews and the gentiles. That's the fifteenth chapter of the book of Acts. And Paul and Silas and others came to Jerusalem and met the apostles and there was a ministers' meeting. They wrote a letter, signed their names and send it back down to Antioch and established that there were only certain things needed for the gentiles. That was a ministers' meeting.

Another ministers' meeting was convened in about Acts the twentieth chapter where Brother Paul reached into a certain place and he sent for the Deacons and the elders of the church of Ephesus, and told them that they are not going to see his face anymore and he warned them about evils spirits, false brethren and wolves coming in to destroy the flock. Those are ministers' meetings, but to say there was a ministers' meeting every month and like an idolatry, that was out. So now all these ministers' meetings that they are having to share their doctrine and argue doctrines in the message is Baalamism, and we don't attend none of them.

Santiago's agents went to Africa, I think it was in Zambia there, called ministers together to put over their devilish doctrine of him as "the covenant angel, Christ manifested in human flesh." That is what is going on in the ministers' meeting. Then a next fellow wants to put over his doctrine and he goes and presents it to the ministers and perverts some of these people.

I got the questions that the ministers asked and the answers on the same paper that Santiago's agents gave. You talk about heresies. It was about twenty to twenty-five

questions, and then because the ministers sent it to me, and asked, "What do you think about this Brother Bruce?", I took that and I re-answered those questions and showed that most of the answers that Santiago's agents gave are heresies and are of the devil. You will find that on Book nine - "Exposition of damnable heresies."

So all that comes out of these ministers meetings are divisions, confusion and heresies! Fighting like dogs and cats about the message. I don't believe in them. Yes, **but we had true ministers meeting here, for all the years, where we had a spirit of harmony, love and union. Yes sir! I believe in that kind of ministers' meeting. We don't come here to argue, we come here to edify one another, as we feel led of the Lord.**

## **SCRIPTURAL FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY IDENTIFIED**

**A**nd he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." (Ephesians 4:11-15).

**Question#144:** "Please explain each office gift of Ephesians 4: 11-15, the-five fold ministry and their function?"

**Answer:Ephesians 4: 9-13,** "(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers..." **Five different office gifts, alright,** "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ..." **In other words, the five fold ministry is set here for the perfection of the saints. For the unity, not the division. The unity of the brethren, unity of the church, unity of the faith, and until we come to the full measure of faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness and brotherly kindness.** "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."

This five-fold ministry is set here for the perfection of the saints, to protect us from the enemy and his perversions that we may become matured Christians. Yes, that we could discern right and wrong, all craftiness of men and all deceptions of men. Let me tell you this with all humility, that we have come to that place to a great extent. **We challenge any false prophet, any heretic to come in here with the sleight of men and their cunning craftiness. Let them try to deceive us.** Something is about ready to happen. I have confidence in what I preach to you and I believe that the Word that we preach to you is able to help you to discern all these heretics, and all these false prophets.

Now you will recall that in my last message that somebody asked about the five-fold ministry and I said that I am not speaking about the functioning of these ministries, but I am speaking in general of what is the call, what are the qualifications and about the ordination of the ministry in general. And I left this hanging there because **this question is to be answered to explain each office gift**. I can only do so by the scriptures, not according to the theory and the great big claims that they have in organization and are very popular around the message and in ministers' meetings. They boast themselves and they take great big photographs and hang it up in different churches and say that it's the five fold gathering together. Let us examine that by the scripture.

## **APOSTLE: THE APOSTOLIC GIFT**

Now, the easiest way for me to explain the scripture under these conditions is, if I am going to teach about what is an apostle, a Prophet, an Evangelist, teacher or pastor; is to find an example of it in the Bible and let the Bible speak. So then it is not according to my knowledge, theory and opinion. Now let us find an apostle, and find out how an apostle is described and identified in the Bible, and we have many examples, the night will finish if we try to bring them all out.

First of all, Jesus was one of the first apostles, and the high priest of our profession. *"Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus."* (Hebrews 3:1). Now I notice that Paul just went on and said, "Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ. " Peter writing said, "Peter an apostle of Jesus Christ". **It was a common thing to be recognized in that day with the office that a man held. He was not ashamed to say what his office was, because he was positive about his office.**

Now, the word apostle means that he is a sent one. A sent preacher is an apostle; and 'how can they preach except they be sent.' So now that's a sent apostle. Now, although the Lord sent twelve of them, he did not call them apostles at that time, but they were functioning in that capacity. Although he sent seventy, he did not call them apostles, but they were functioning in that capacity. The gift was in these men. So now, beyond a shadow of a doubt an apostle is a sent one. Now if he is a sent one he is sent somewhere. It is just not a name. He is a sent one and he is sent somewhere. We could find that in the Bible.

Let us take the greatest apostle of the entire age. He said that he was the wise master builder; his name was Brother Paul, and he was the apostle to the gentiles. *"For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles."* (Galatians 2:8). So beyond a shadow of a doubt we have an example of an apostle in the Bible.

The name is not just a flowery something; an apostle means a sent one. *Acts 13:2-3: "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away".*

After that, how many knows that Paul made three missionary journeys? [Congregation says, "Amen!"] Alright, then **when an apostle is sent he is sent into the field to carry the gospel**. Then this apostle who is sent, in other words, is a missionary. So now, missionary is not one office and apostle another office. There are only five office gifts in the Bible. So now, this apostle is actually a missionary. Missionaries are not all of these dry bone kinds of intellectual giants, which they hatch up in the Bible schools. Carry a whole suitcase of books and say, they are missionaries into China, into India, and into Africa, and go like that. They are no missionaries. A missionary is an apostle.

This apostle, Brother Paul, made three missionary journeys. The reason that they are called missionaries is that the apostle went out on a mission, so the term was used now as missionary. The apostle that was called of God, sent of God, went on a mission, and going on a mission they start calling him a missionary. I think that happened in the days of the Methodist people, but they were never called missionary before, in apostolic times.

### **APOSTLE MEANS ONE SENT - A MISSIONARY**

**Quote:** E-18 *"Missionary is a very fine word, but I got a better word for it. You're an apostle. See? That's right. Now, what does the word "apostle" mean? "One that's sent." What does the word "missionary" mean? "One that's sent." It's the same thing... So, as long as you are a missionary or an apostle, you're one sent of God to a mission."* (Joseph Meeting His Brethren 56-1230).

Alright, now an apostle here was a man fully equipped. He is a compact unit of God, and this might be a little too much for the outside friends, but **an apostle is a compact unit of God with all five gifts in him. He's an Apostle, Prophet, Teacher, Evangelist, and Pastor**, a compact unit that can face any situation.

### **PAUL WAS BOTH APOSTLE AND PROPHET**

**Quote:** 247-3 *"The apostle Paul who was both apostle and prophet."* (Church Ages).

### **HIGHEST CALLING IN THE BIBLE, HIGHER THAN A PROPHET**

**Quote:** 68 *"Judas... He sold his Lord, after he had the opportunity to even be an apostle, the **highest calling in the Bible, higher than a prophet.**"* (Remembering The Lord 62-1209).

### **MISSIONARY IS THE HIGHEST CALLING**

**Quote:** 19 *"God never intended the church to be run by men. God runs His church, and He runs it through gifts of the Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit is in the church to correct the spirit. He's got five ministerial offices in His church. **First of***

**them is apostles, or, missionaries. Missionary is the highest calling there is, apostle.**" (Smyrnaean Church Age 60-1206)

**Quote:** E-71 "**The Bible said, "First are apostles."** Is that right? The apostles, we call them today, missionary. That's the first. **The highest calling is a missionary.** What does "apostle" mean? "One sent." (Door Inside Door 58-0209).

### **THE HIGHEST ORDER WHO TRAVELS THE SEAS FOR THE LORD**

**Quote:** 189 "First apostles; that's missionaries... **The highest order is a missionary who travels the seas for the Lord Jesus.**" (Baptism Of The Holy Spirit 58-0928m).

### **THEIR MINISTRY WAS SO SUPERNATURAL**

**Quote:** E-19 "Every one of **the apostles** was declared insane by the public, 'cause **their ministry was so supernatural** till the people thought they were out of their minds." (What Does Thou Here 59-0301e).

When the time comes to teach he teaches, when the time comes to pastor he pastors, when the time comes to prophesy he prophesies, and when the time comes to go out on another mission, he goes. He's a compact unit.

So now this apostle, besides having these gifts, he is a man with other gifts of God out of the nine divers gifts. He is given the gift of miracle, the gift of signs, the gift of wonders, and this could be traced in Brother Peter's ministry. Even his shadow healed the people.

Now he's majoring on the Word, but he is gifted with other gifts, hear how an apostle speaks:

*"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).*

So now when God sends an apostle, He sends him as a fully compact unit with the five office gifts, and with many gifts of the Spirit.

To understand what is an apostle just read the entire book of Acts which describes an apostle, and from the other books of the Bible, Romans, Ephesians, Corinthians, and right down to the end we see the functioning of apostles. **So now an apostle is a gifted man who is actually set over the church of God, not an assembly but he is set over many churches.** That's an apostle.

Now when problems come up in these churches like the Corinthian church, and in Thessalonica, problems arose here and there, they sent these questions to Brother Paul because they knew that he had a superior gift in handling the Word of God, and then the Pastors and the teachers and all those other gifts recognize the apostolic gift and directed their questions to Brother Paul. That is how we got the book of Corinthians, Thessalonians and other books, because there were questions written to Brother Paul, and he wrote back. Some of it was exposition of damnable heresies, so he wrote and he sent it out to them and they gained confidence in that gift and confidence in the answers that man gave, and then at length he would tell them that I will be visiting you, I am coming down there. He said, *"What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?" (1 Corinthians 4:21)*. And he said, *"Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you." (1 Corinthians 4:18)*. So they used to be fighting for the opportunity to hear this apostle in person.

My God, that is how the Lord sets up the church. You had a leader, a man to direct the people, to answer their questions and to settle the harder problems. That's an apostle, and the apostle was gifted with signs, wonders and miracles.

Alright, so now if you want to find out what is an apostle, study the ministry of Brother Peter, study the ministry of Brother Paul and study the life and ministry of the different ones in the scripture, who left epistles behind. The entire book of Acts deals with the apostolic ministry.

**My Brother, the world forgot what an apostle looked like and God sent one today. Brother Branham was the only true apostle in the end time here. Yes, he was an apostle, together with a prophet, he was a teacher, he was an evangelist, and he was a pastor.** God gave the world an example of what an apostle really is. Brother Branham pastored for about seventeen years, afterward the Lord called him to do the work of an evangelist. Is that right? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] And Brother Branham became Elijah the prophet in the true sense when he opened the seals, and Brother Branham was one of the greatest bible teachers. So he was a pastor, a prophet, a teacher, Evangelist; everything in one, and **Brother Branham was endued with nine divers gifts, and many more. That is a true apostle. Anybody who claims to be an apostle, around the world, compare yourself with the Bible, compare yourself with Brother Branham, and if you don't compare, then you are a false apostle.** And Brother Paul spoke of the sign of the apostle, yes; there is a sign of an apostle and a seal of apostleship. *"Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds."(II Corinthians 12:12)*. *"If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 9:2)*. In other words what I am producing; the fruits that I produce, the quality of sheep that I produce, the kind of preachers that I produce, the kind of men that I produce, are the seal of my apostleship. O glory to God.

The greatest apostle of all times was William Branham. If Paul was a wise master builder, Brother Branham was even more so. He laid the foundation. That is an apostle. You heard the life story of Brother Branham recently. [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] Well, what you were hearing is **how an apostle acts, how God uses an apostle and the qualities of a true apostle.**

An apostle is a wonderful, wonderful gift. The Lord placed all five office gifts in a man, compact it inside of him and then turn around and give him the gifts of the spirit. Yes! Some are fortunate to have all nine, some are fortunate to just have a few, and there are different capacities amongst them, but he is a compact unit.

When God sends him, he is like a time bomb. He is a weapon in the hands of God. When he reaches down there, wherever the Lord sends him, he is equipped for anything. Paul reached in a certain place, (Acts 8:9-11) and the Lord spoke to him and said, *"Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: **for I have much people in this city.** And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them."*

Did you learn something there? Sometimes God may not have nobody in Freeport, but one or two, and his elect might be gathered in Port-of-Spain, where the Lord has many elect living there, and only God knows that. So when Paul reached Corinth, the Lord spoke to him and told him He has much people there, and do you know what Paul done? Brothers and Sisters, he stopped travelling, and he turned into a teacher. And the Bible said, *"And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them"*, and he won many people. Yes, and after that he started travelling again as a missionary and apostle. Yes, that was a teacher. He stayed there and pastored the church. Anywhere he goes, he just changed his office to suit. When it comes to pastoring, he could pastor, teaching, he could teach; you come to evangelism he's ready to go; you come to a prophet he is ready to prophesy. An apostle, a sent one. He's ready to go overseas.

Follow the life and teaching of Brother Paul and you are going to see that he had three missionary journeys. At certain times he was a pastor, he was a teacher at certain times, he was an evangelist and he was a prophet (the word of the Lord comes to the prophet). Yes, and he said, *"But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."* (Galatians 1:11-12), therefore he was a prophet. Now that's a compact unit of God.

**I challenge the whole world to show me one man like that in China, in India or in Africa. Show me an apostle, with all the boast that they make that they are apostles, and they make all these big claims. Bring it to the scripture. Pick up the challenge. You cannot!** Brother Branham was an apostle, Paul was an apostle, James was an apostle, Bartholomew was an apostle, and there were many apostles in the New Testament. It doesn't change. That's a mouthful when a man claims to be an apostle.

## **PROPHETS: THE PROPHETIC GIFT**

**Let us deal with the Prophets.** Alright! I'll have you to know that there is a major prophet and a minor prophet. Brother Branham was a major prophet, John the Baptist was also a major prophet! Jesus was the most major prophet. He was not just a prophet but he was God the prophet. **A prophet of God is different from God the Prophet.** God the prophet is when God becomes a prophet and a prophet

of God is when God sends a prophet. So you have God the prophet. The Son of Man was God the prophet. Alright!

If you could find another fellow who was a prophet of the five-fold ministry in the Bible, then we could know the functions of a prophet in the five fold ministry. Very simple. Alright! Let us see how he functions. Hear what the Bible said *"And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them."* (Acts 15:32).

The Bible is telling me here that Judas and Silas were also Prophets; that is beside their missionary work that they were doing. We had a prophet called Agabus. Let me see how he functions. *"And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar"*. (Acts 11:28). Agabus was a prophet and this is how the prophet in the church functions; he also preaches. Silas and Judas exhorted the brethren; so Agabus was a little different he stood up in the church and said, "Thus saith the Lord, there is going to be drought through the whole world, and he sat down. And they secured some food and sent it to the brethren in Jerusalem. That's a prophet. Not a prophet who stands up and says, "Yea saith the Lord, the Lord is coming soon". No! This man prophesied something and the Bible said that his prophecy came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. They traced out the prophecy and the prophecy came to pass.

### **HE COULD PROPHECY, FORETELL THINGS, INTERPRET DREAMS**

**Quote:** E-68 *"Look at Joseph... he was a prophet. He could prophesy, foretell things to come, interpret dreams, spiritual."* (We Would See Jesus 62-0727).

**Quote:** E-5 *"A prophet is a seer who sees the people's hearts and foretells the things that's coming to pass."* (Greater Than Solomon Is Here 62-0725).

### **EVERYTHING HE SAYS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD IS ABSOLUTELY TRUTH**

**Quote:** E-13 *"A prophet, singular, p-r-o-p-h-e-t is borned a prophet, comes up a prophet. **Everything he says in the Name of the Lord is absolutely truth, if he's prophesying.** Now, you say, "That was for the Old Testament." Oh, no. They had prophets in the New Testament. Agabus and many of them were prophets in the New Testament." (I.Perceive.You.Are.A.Prophet 53-0614e).*

**Quote:** E-30 *"Now, I'll admit there's gift of prophecy that goes in a church, but that's not a prophet. A prophet's borned. See? Now, he must be from childhood up and every word right. See?"* (BeOf Good Cheer 54-0721).

**Quote:** 216 *God said, "If there be one among you who's spiritual or a prophet, and what he says comes to pass, then hear him, for I'm with him... **It must not just be once; it must continually all the time.**"* (Perseverant 64-0305).

## **IF WHAT THEY SAID COME TO PASS, THEN BELIEVE THEM**

**Quote:** E-84 *"All the prophets... That's where He said to know them. If they spoke, "and what they said come to pass, then believe them, for I'm with them." (New Ministry 59-1115).*

## **HE COULD NOT PROPHECY WRONG**

**Quote:** E-12 *"Isaiah was Jehovah's prophet. Therefore, being anointed with the Holy Spirit of God upon him, he could not prophesy wrong, because he was borned a prophet and we know that his words are true."(Mary's.Belief 61-0121).*

**Quote:** 123 *"Moses said, "I am the prophet of the Lord. Now, watch and see that what I prophesy. If it comes to pass, then you'll know I'm sent of the Lord... Now, if I prophesy of this and it happens, and that and it happens, and this and it happens, every time just the same, now you know I'm sent of the Lord to tell you." ( Proving.His.Word 64-0816).*

*"...And one of his servants said...**Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.** (II Kings 6:12).*

*"Is there not a prophet...that we may enquire of the LORD by him?"(I Kings 3:11).*

*"And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another...is Saul also among the prophets? (I Samuel10:11).*

*"For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet." (John 4:18-19).*

*"Say...unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD...**And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.**" (Ezekiel 33:27-33).*

It wasn't any nonsense about, "Yeah saith the Lord, I discern a spirit here in this congregation". Any Man could say that. Do you know how many bad spirits are sitting here right now? Yes. You don't have to be a Prophet for that. The Bible said that there are wheat and tares. There are two spirits within the framework of the Christian church. You don't need a prophet for that. Or "Yea saith the Lord somebody committed a sin and came to church today". Do you know how many people commit sin and seated here today. That don't qualify you as any prophet. It's a gimmick. The prophet described a true prophecy.

## **WHAT'S NOT WRITTEN IN THE WORD, IS WHAT YOU'RE TO TELL HIM**

**Quote:** 880-39 *"Now, we all know that the Lord is coming; we're aware of that. And if **Brother Neville got up each night and said, "Behold, the Lord is coming. Behold, the Lord is coming," that would be all right. See? But the pastor at the platform, for he's got the Word for that... prophecy, or a prophet speaking; that's something that's not written in the Word. What's written in the Word, he's to bring***

it; but **what's not written in the Word, is what you're to tell him.** Like, for instance, "Tell Brother Wheeler, **THUS SAITH THE LORD**, 'Tomorrow, in his sand pit, not to go to it, because there'll be a truck turn over,'" or something like that, and it's got to be done... **And if that comes to pass exactly the way the interpretation said, we raise our hands and give thanks to God for His Spirit among us. If it doesn't come to pass, then don't do it any more till that evil spirit's out of you. God don't lie; He's always Truth.** Then, you see, you're old enough now to act like men, not children: "Goo, goo, goo," you got to have some meaning to something." (Church Order 63-12-26).

What we want to hear my brother is when this earthquake is going to sink Port of Spain, Capital of Trinidad, and tell us where to run for safety. Tell us when a famine is coming. Tell us when a hurricane is going to hit us here. Tell us who is going to die next so their family could take out an insurance for a couple million dollars, [Congregation roars with laughter.] **and if it don't come to pass you are going to pay for it, because you are a false prophet.** Not these Pentecostal nonsense: "Yea saith the Lord, the Lord is going to lift up Oral Roberts through the whole world". Do you know how many millions of prophecies there are like that? "The Lord is going to lift up sister so and so and exalt her for His glory". What does it have in that? We want to have something substantial friend, we want to hear about a famine, we want to hear about a hurricane, we want to hear about an earthquake, and it must come to pass.

Hear Agabus in action again: "*And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus. And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.*" (Acts 21:10-11). That is exactly what came to pass. Paul went up to Jerusalem they bound him and sent him straight to Caesar and he died down there as a martyr.

That's prophecy. I want somebody to prophecy and say when somebody is coming to kill the Pastor so he would know where to hide. That's the prophecy we want to hear in the church. Not all these nonsense of "God is going to exalt this one and that one and then they backslide tomorrow". It's not a promotion, but a demotion.

**Beloved, tell me the truth ministers in Africa, ministers in India, do you have any such thing going on in Africa, India, the Philippines, in Europe, in United States, or wherever this tape is going to come? Can you put your hand on such a one?** I want to meet him; I want to communicate with him. I have some things for him to seek God about. I want to find out how close we are to the Token outpouring. We have the need of a prophet. Now I am not saying that men do not have this gift. No! **I am saying that I want to meet a man who has that gift operating in his life in a perfect way, set in order by the Holy Ghost.**

## **EVANGELIST: THE EVANGELISTIC GIFT**

Evangelist is the next. Who is he? O my, they go all around and preach here and there and SAY, "I'm Evangelist so and so", and they got to put their wife's names on their call cards. Evangelist swell headed and Mrs. Maria Where did you ever find that in the Bible, you big sissy? Imagine that? This religious world is sick.

Let us compare this evangelist with all the evangelist claims that they have in the world tonight.

*"Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city. (Acts 8 -17).*

The story continues that even the Obeah man (Sorcerer) came and repented. Yes! Notice something with this evangelist; his powers were limited because he was not an apostle. Then he had to call for the apostle from Jerusalem to come and lay hands upon the people to impart the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The story continues that Phillip the evangelist went out, he found a certain Eunuch. The Lord directed him to a place there where a certain fellow from Africa was reading his Bible. This is evangelistic operation. **This is a true evangelist in the Bible.** And he walked up to the man and he said, "Understandest what thou readest?" The presence of the Lord just fill that area and that treasurer felt something he never felt in his church. He said, "How can I understand save I have some man to guide me?" God bless that Ethiopian. He said, "Come up in to the queen's chariot." O my God, perhaps it was the first time the evangelist climbed in a beautiful chariot like that. He said, "Open up your scripture. Where are you reading from?" He said, "I am reading this:

*"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth... I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" (Acts 8:26-39).*

He went down to the water, he baptized him and he walked out and Phillip the evangelist disappeared. **That is power:** cast out devils, convicted Simon the sorcerer; you are talking about an evangelist. Devils crying went out of the people in one accord. Samaria received the Word of God, thousands were healed and tens of thousands received the Gospel. That is evangelist. The Bible said, and there was great joy in Samaria. (Acts 8:8). O my Lord! that is an evangelist.

Phillip was one of the seven chosen as deacons and he had four daughters and all prophesied. (Acts 21:8-9). **You talk about a living church with living signs and living wonders. And we had many evangelists like Phillip in that time, that preached the gospel, and each one of them was endued with power, signs and wonders, and they never believed in carrying the gospel without power, because they did not want the faith of men to stand in the wisdom of man, but in the power of God.**

## TEACHERS: THE GIFT OF TEACHING

We dealt with apostles, with the prophets, and the evangelists. Three out of the five ministries. Here we come to the teacher. What kind of a teacher is this, and how are these teachers set for the work of the Lord? Let us get a little description. First of all, we see Paul as a teacher and he stayed for one year and six months and taught the people. Let us see the kind of reputation that these teachers used to carry. I know of another teacher called Apollos and hear how they used to value these teachers: *"And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. (Acts 18:24).* Talking about a teacher. That is **before the man even became a disciple of Jesus Christ. He had only known about John's Baptism. When Paul met him he was preaching Jesus Christ to them but lacked the token.**

*270-365 "Then Paul had met some of those people up in Acts 19. They had them a preacher up there which was a converted lawyer by the name of Apollos. And Apollos was a mighty man in the Scriptures, and he was proving by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ. See?..." (Hebrews 1957).*

*27-3 "Apollos was teaching to them and proving by the Bible the mechanics, that Jesus was the Christ, but they didn't have the Dynamics yet." (Rising Of The Sun 65-0418m).*

The Physician Luke described in wonderful words Apollos

***"And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria..."*** That was the seat of learning in Egypt in that time. ***"...an eloquent man..."*** You talk about a gift to speak the Word of God, that when he spoke the Word vibrations went through his congregation. **Yes! He held the attention of his people for hours.** Paul preached all night until daybreak. Teachers have a certain anointing. They put the Word of God together they are mighty in the scriptures. They could take the scripture and place it here, take one and place it here; put in here what Brother Paul spoke about, put in what Peter spoke about, and paint a picture for you and hold your attention there for hours. ***"...mighty in the scriptures..."*** ***"This man was instructed in the way of the Lord..."*** All he wanted was a little instruction in the way of the Lord and he set the house on fire, **because he had this gift of teaching inside of him before he even came to the Lord Jesus.**

**Quote:** 6 *"Now, preaching usually catches the sinner, brings him under condemnation by the Word. But teaching places a man positionally what he is. And we can never rightly be able to have faith until positionally we know what we are." (Ephesians Parallels Joshua 60-0515e).*

## THE SCRIPTURE IS NOT INSPIRED TO HIM

**Quote:** 141 *"And you seen a man pick up a certain Scripture, and, brother, that man can take that Scripture and make it live new, make it live just exactly what it*

promised here in the Bible. And the next man will see him do it, and he'll come around and try to do it and fail. **He'll fail. Why? The Scripture is not inspired to him.**" (Hear Recognize Act On Word 60-0221).

"This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John." (Acts 18:25).

**He had not yet come to the revelation of the son of man all he had known was Malachi 3.**

"And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." (Acts 18:26). Although this man was a mighty man in scripture and eloquent, do you see how a gifted man of God behaves. **This man was preaching John the Baptist message but knew nothing of the revealing of the son of man,** so then Aquila and Priscilla found him and they said, "**Brother Apollos, you're a sincere man and all these things, but you're lacking some revelation on the opening of the seals and the son of man**". In type And the bible said that they took him apart and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. **You could know the message of Malachi 4 but you need a man to expound the way of God to you more perfectly.** Serpent seed and water baptism is not all. You need somebody to expound the way of God unto you more perfectly though you be a follower of Malachi 4.

"For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ." (Acts 18:28). *Mightily convinced them.*

**So now that gift of teaching is an ability to bring the scriptures together, bring the Word of God together, hold the attention of the people and convince them of the truth. That is a teacher.**

Bro Paul had that teaching ministry; Bro Branham had that teaching ministry. Now my brothers and **I want to find a teacher like that around the world.** I want to sit down under him. I want to see him take the scriptures and bring it together, then I will understand that he is a teacher. But many a preacher is trying to teach and many pastors are playing prophet and playing that they are Apostles.

### **DON'T TRY TO BE SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE NOT**

**Quote:** E-64 "And if that's a gift God's give you brethren, stay with it. That's where God wants you. You'll never make a eye, if you're a ear; you remember that. **You'll only mess up the body until you get your right place and abide there in your calling.** If you're a deacon, stay a deacon; you're pastor, stay a pastor. **Don't try to be something that you're not; be just what you are.**" (Queen Of The South 58-0620).

Alright, the next one is pastor. This is a troublesome fellow. Brother there are scores of question concerning this pastoral ministry. Now the pastor; who is he? He is a

man who stays with the sheep and keep them in green pastures. Yes! He is a fellow that is appointed over the sheep to make sure that the sheep of God are fed.

So after the missionary passes by and forms the congregation; they aren't going to see him maybe for six years. Then the Lord raises up a pastor who is also called an elder and puts him over this flock. In the early age it might have been five thousand people, and there might be many pastors who are now learning the ways of the Lord. You have to get deacons. Then you must have the gifts of the Spirit.

So this pastor is going to take care of this flock out here. He is not necessarily a traveling man. He is not necessarily an evangelist. So he starts taking care of the flock and he'll be dealing with their problems, leaning on his staff like Moses. "Yes, and why did you curse the brother, why did you take away the man's wife, why did you steal the thing and why you hit your husband with a stick on his head?" The pastor takes care of all their problems. He's feeding the sheep, the sheep love him, he loves the sheep and he understands the sheep. It is a hard job to deal with all of those people and their personal problems. Yes! Somebody is dying; they want to see the pastor. Somebody is sick; they want to see the pastor. They have a problem; they want to see the pastor. He is the shepherd of the flock.

In early times they were also gifted to help the congregation with the gifts of the Spirit. *"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up..." (James 5:14-15).* So even these pastors were gifted men in the Spirit in order to help the church of God.

The entire five-fold ministry were gifted of the Spirit to help the congregation. An example of that, while Brother Branham pastored, the Lord endued him with power to help the people and to lead the people. **I want somebody to show me where there is a five-fold ministry set in order around the world in relation to the scriptures that I pointed out to you tonight and they cannot show me that. I challenge the world upon this fact.** Why is it so empty around the world with all their claims of a five-fold ministry. And cannot bring their-five fold ministry and fit it back in the Bible nor the message of Brother Branham. I challenge the world upon this fact. It is a total impossibility to disprove the things that I have taught on the scriptural five-fold ministry.

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**Question#145:**

**Heretical Article No. 133:**

"Ministers' meetings are referred to as the assembling of the five fold ministry. I was not fortunate to identify all five offices in any meeting, why?"

**Answer::** I can testify the same way tonight, that through thirty -six years of being in the ministry, I have looked for these five-fold offices and I have not found them. I want to state here clearly and firmly, that I do believe that there is a five-fold Ministry that is called, and the things that I am about to say must not convey the wrong message to my listeners that I do not believe in a five-

**fold ministry. I do believe in a five- fold ministry, but the things that I am trying to put in place, are to answer these questions as they are given to us.**

This question is saying that the person looked for the five-fold ministry in Ministers' meetings for many years and could not identify it. I am testifying of the same observation that I myself, looked for the five-fold ministry set in order in all the ministers meetings that I attended from 1968. In the first one, I was very disappointed, because I went in there in full expectation that these "mighty men of God" will be gathered who handled the message and even knew the message before me and in full assurance of faith, walking on pins and needles, with great reverence and respect, to know that I was coming into the presence of the "five-fold ministry" that was supposed to handle the message of the hour.

I looked forward for the nine divers gifts to be in operation, of an Apostle to stand up as a leader, and a prophet to prophesy an evangelist to be in the midst, and by prophecy they call him out, "Separate me brother so and so for the work whereunto I will send him". **And when I went there, it was a gathering of pastors, without the apostle, without the prophet, and to say a man was an prophet sounded like blasphemy in that audience.** So since that time, I carefully looked for the five-fold ministry.

This question is saying that when ministers are gathered around the message they termed that as the gathering of the five-fold. That's a big name. The person could not justify that claim, of the ministers meetings in identifying a five-fold ministry of apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists and pastors. I made the same observation and I could not justify this claim of the five-fold ministry gathering, to discuss a problem all for their own edification. What I found was a big argument, and the ministers reached nowhere, they went out more divided, more bitter, with more hate, more malice, more deaf and blind. I understood from that time on, and better today, and I have the answer, that **there is something wrong with the claims of a five-fold ministry, gathering in a ministers' meeting**

We laid out carefully in our last message, what each office gift was, and their individual operations of pastor, prophet, evangelist, apostle and teacher. And **this claim that is being made of the assembling of the five-fold, we come to find out it is a big wild boast. A false claim. Therefore I identify such a claim that the five-fold ministry is gathered in these ministers' meeting as a heresy. To make such a claim is heresy.**

We cannot see the pattern of Brother Paul or Peter as apostles, the pattern of Silas, Judas and Agabus the prophets, the evangelist like Phillip, a teacher like Apollos who was mighty in the Scripture and who mightily convinced the Jews that Jesus was Christ, and a pastor gifted of the Holy Spirit, in order to help his congregation. Therefore, **I condemn this claim as heresy, antichrist, and as a satanic claim, but with all of that, I do believe that there is a five-fold ministry on earth, but something is wrong with it.** And the ministers because they don't know what is wrong with that "five-fold ministry", they make such boastful claims.

To verify what is a five-fold ministry, we will examine a ministers' meeting where the five fold was gathered, as we did last night, each office gift in the Bible. I want to

point out in scripture to you a certain place where the five-fold ministry was gathered. They had reason for a ministers' meeting. It was not a formal money meeting, like the organizations project, and like what the followers, of Malachi 4 organized, to come and argue about thunders. There was a certain reason why this meeting was held, and I will quickly read here, from the Acts chapter 15:

*"And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved. When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question". (Acts 15:1).*

I am asking the **followers of Malachi 4** today with all the disputes on thunders and **other doctrines, who can they go to as recognized leaders whom they know can give the answers to their questions?** This here is a different picture all entirely; the people had somewhere to go. Paul did not have to go, he already had the revelation. But these heretics and nicolaitans down there insisted that they go up to Jerusalem because **even the heretics recognized apostleship in Jerusalem. Even those who were wrong recognized apostleship and headship in Jerusalem, and they realized that the apostles were placed in the church to lead the entire body, and answer all the hard questions.**

So they went up there, Peter and James got up and spoke. It was an assembly of apostles, more apostles than you needed. It was an assembly of prophets. Silas and Judas were right in the midst to be sent out. You say, "Where are the pastors and all these fellows?" Paul went up to the apostles and **the elders. Elders cover the other offices of deacons and pastors and what more.** They were assembled together, and after a discussion James spoke, and then they concluded. There was not any bickering, fighting and fussing of thunders out there. No! This is what was concluded.

*"Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren..." Are there Chief men among the Brethren? [Congregation says, "Amen!"] but everybody is "a chief" today. "...And they wrote [letters] by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren [send] greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia". (Acts 15:22-23).*

Can we find a letter like that coming down today to New York, to Jeffersonville who will straighten up the "seven thunders", written from the apostles and the elders to settle a dispute on a certain doctrine concerning the message? No, something is wrong somewhere and we know what it is. *"Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls..." Heretics, false prophets, "...saying Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment..."* Do you see who was giving the commandment? The church is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets. *"...It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul..." (Acts 15:24, 25).* They had full unity, this five-fold ministry had full unity, and they were assembled together in one accord. They had one faith, one Lord, one doctrine, one Spirit, and they could

have decided what was right and what was wrong. That is a five-fold ministry. Glory to God! Apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists and pastors all assembled to settle out the dispute that was going on in the message. **That is the only thing that will settle out the people today in the message around the world and that is God must loose some more New Testament prophets, to get the bride into one unity, one faith, and serving one Lord, before she goes in the rapture.** And that is not a far fetch statement; it's going to come to pass pretty soon. That five-fold ministry is in the making right now and under training around the world.

*"Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth..." (Acts 15:26,27).* Glory to God! They wrote a letter and entrusted the letter into Paul's hand. They sent two men who had the same faith, the same love, and the same doctrine. These men, when they preached they would never contradict that letter, because they have one faith. *"They will tell you the same thing by mouth."* Remember when they reached down there, the Bible said, *"And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them."*(Acts 15:32). These men were saying the same things.

*"For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well."* (Acts 15:28-29). The Letter came to an end, authority spoke and went down to Antioch, the Christian center at that time, where the people were first called Christians. My God, what an assembly. Here two apostles that came up to Jerusalem to meet the other apostles, because of a dispute, they carried down two prophets with them, and a letter signed by the apostles. You are talking about authority to straighten up heretics, and heresies in the message, and **the whole church in Antioch. That is what the church needs today, yes sir, it is coming.**

Tell me the truth my brethren, and those of you who will listen to this message, when the ministers are gathered over there in Zambia and Nigeria and in the States, and you pay all that money to attend one of those meetings, is that the pattern of those ministers' meetings? I am way down here in the West and I am telling you, 'no'. Because the same spirit of confusion is here in the West, that is in India and Africa and everywhere that this message is preached, because of the lack of these apostles in the church. But they are coming down the road. "Do you hear them coming brother? [Congregation says, "Amen!"] I can hear them coming. The Church of God is going to be set in order before the rapture takes place. Unless this takes place there will be no rapture. The bride is not going out of here as a disunited people. So the claims of the five-fold assembling is heresy.

**Generally in all the ministers meetings around the world and in all the assemblies, the best that we have heard and seen is a one fold; the gathering of pastors, as a one fold.** We are not talking about a one fold, we are talking about a five-fold. That is far different from the apostolic church. You might find a pastor, you might find somebody that may call himself a teacher, self-appointed teacher, then you come up to a two fold. **Now the Bible is not speaking about a two fold it is speaking of a five-fold.** And then sometimes you find a fellow who is running

about, everywhere with a microphone and running from church to church and let them pick up an offering for him, and calls himself an evangelist. **"Did God call you brother, and told you that you are an evangelist, or did you just guess that you are an evangelist and picked up a Bible and started going around the world"? An angel spoke to the evangelist called Phillip and told him where to go. O yes! Because that angel was appointed over his ministry, and that angel was directing Phillip the evangelist. (Acts 8:26).** So we come up to a three fold, because of this claim, and this evangelist is nowhere in comparison with Phillip. That's a name for him, and it's a name for the pastor and for the teacher. We are not talking about titles my friend. **We are not talking about names here; we are talking about Bible pattern.**

You may have somebody who is a self proclaimed apostle, self proclaimed prophet. **Did God appear to him and tell him that he is an apostle? I will show you my brother that he is guessing.** Then it came up to a four fold. The Bible is not speaking about a four fold, because that cannot compare to the Bible. This is not Bible yet, this is practical common sense. If you say that you are five-fold and I walk in there or a minister walk in there, he must be able to identify the five-fold. I will like to see your apostle, hear his testimony, to see if it fits Brother Paul, Brother Peter, Brother James and different ones. And where is you prophet? I have a problem. Where is Agabus? Brother Agabus I want you to pray for me because I lost my donkey. Oh glory to God. "Alright, abide here and I will tell you more about the donkey. The donkey is found and I am seeing way over there your father is worrying, but stay here and I am going to anoint you king". That's the operation of a prophet. I am typing Samuel. (*Samuel 10:2-6*). Oh yes!

And then when you enter that congregation and ask, "Where is your teacher? I have a lot of hard questions. I want to ask him about a lot of things". When you question him, he cannot answer. He says, "I have to go and ask a certain man over there." You ask him what Brother Branham said, he doesn't even know the message, but he calls himself a teacher. But Apollos was mighty in the scriptures, only known the preaching of John the Baptist. And then, "Where is your evangelist? I have a church down there; the thing is dead, their isn't any power, a lot of sick people down in Samaria and I want to get your evangelist from this meeting". Oh yes, here is he, but he is going to walk with a spoken word book and a tape recorder in his hand and enough medication. Is that right? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*], he is more sick than the people.

Phillip went down there and cast out devils left and right, and he even caused the Sorcerer to repent. And there were certain things that he could not do. He could not impart the baptism of the Holy Spirit, so he recognized authority. He knew his limit as an evangelist. He said, "Lord, here is where my ministry stops, right on this junction. I recognize headship in Jerusalem. The apostles over there can lay their hands upon these men and give them the baptism of the Holy Spirit". Oh glory to God!

Today we would like to pick up our telephone and call Brother Peter, and say, "Brother Peter; thousands of people received the gospel down here in Samaria, would you please come down and lay hands upon them and impart the baptism of the Holy Spirit?" Peter would say "I will be there right away brother. Continue to preach and make converts to the gospel of Jesus Christ and don't be afraid; I will lay

hands upon them and impart the Holy Ghost to them. And the things you cannot discern among the believers, the Lord has given me the discernment. I am coming down to test out the Sorcerer, to see if he is a hireling or if he is a good shepherd. Yes sir!

That is a living gospel friends, I want to see a living church like that. How many want to see a living church like that? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] **I want to see living apostles, living prophets, living evangelists, living teachers, living pastors, and we are going to see it, by another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I am not talking about 'apostles' like Richard Gan, who believes in a dead gospel; 'Apostle Jackson' with all his heresies; 'Apostle Coleman', 'Apostle Vin Dayal'. They are all dead. 'Apostle Santiago', who claims to be 'God himself manifested in human flesh'. He's demon possessed!**

Can we send our hard questions to Santiago? No! Can we send our questions to Vin? No! To Richard Gan, No! To Junior Jackson, No! [*Congregation says, "No!"*], we don't recognize them. But even the heretics recognized the apostles in Jerusalem in that day, and they forced Paul they said, "go up to the apostles to rectify this question which they argued concerning". Oh glory, **there is nothing to straighten this confusion but the apostles of God, they will be sent to straighten the mess around the message.** It will take a short time.

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**Question#146: "Can the five-fold ministry be identified in any part of the world in the message churches, or in ministers' meetings?"**

**Answer:**The answer to that question is no. This claim of the assembling of a five-fold ministry and operation like the early church is a heresy. It's a false claim. It is imaginary. Here is a big ministers' meeting. I want to meet the apostles, I want to meet the prophet, the evangelist, the teacher, who is eloquent like Apollos. I want him in my church, to break down the Scriptures. I want some teachings from your pastor too, of how to pastor my church. "Well I guess brother, the best I can present to you is a pastor". Then you have a one-fold; and that goes for all parts of the world. You say, "You were not in all parts of the world, how do you know that?" I'll tell you just now. I never identified it personally, on the website. I never seen it displayed on the magazines, on their papers, or heard it by reports from letters that come to us from around the world. " Now preacher how can you talk like that if you had not been around the world?" **I speak by divine revelation. I know what is the problem and I know the solution to the problem, by divine revelation. And based upon my revelation of the five-fold ministry, that is proving to you that nobody at the present time can scripturally identify the five-fold ministry to anybody in the church, I challenge the religious world. I challenge the followers of the message, to scripturally prove their claims by the identification of the five-fold ministry among them. They cannot do it.**

If you claim something you must be able to prove it. If you are gathered together, and you tell me that there are five scientists present, I must have the liberty to come and say where are your five scientists? Not because you say that you are a scientist.

You must be able to show me your certificate. And if you have a bogus certificate, you are an impersonator. If you show me how you could build five atomic bombs, then I know that you are not lying. You are proving your claims. This is common sense I am talking about. **And let me send out this challenge, I am not afraid. By the revelation that the Lord has given to us, I do not have to be in every country, to search for a five-fold ministry. I know what is wrong I know the solution, and I know the solution has not come yet. Only when the solution to that problem comes then you will be able to identify a five-fold ministry.**

**So I challenge the religious world, I challenge all the followers of Malachi 4 to scripturally prove their claims by the identification of the five-fold ministry among them. If they cannot do it, as a church group, let it be identified from several groups. And when that fails, I further challenge you to identify the five-fold from an international gathering, of the so-called five fold.** By that I mean, if you cannot show me five of these major offices operating in ten or twenty churches or in one country gather all the ministers around the world who preach the message, and pick out for me five offices to match the Bible. Do you think that they can do it? [Congregation says, "No!"] They cannot do it.

It is a total impossibility to pick up that challenge. Get all the ministers around the world in the message and bring them together by the tens of thousands and let their leaders send forth the "apostle" and match him with Paul, match him with Peter, match him with James. Send forth the "prophets", match them with Silas, match them with Judas, match them with Agabus. You have already failed the test. Send forth your evangelist and just match him with Phillip the evangelist. You have already failed. Yes sir! And I will take a "teacher" and match him with Apollos, a man who had not even known Jesus Christ. And the Bible says that he was an eloquent man and mighty in the scriptures, and he mightily convinced the Jews. (Acts 18:26-28). And I always like to think of this, though mighty he was, Aquilla and Priscilla passed by, and explained to him more clearly the gospel. **And the mighty teacher humbled himself and he said, "Yes, teach me. You came in contact with the coming of the Lord. I don't know anything about that event, I only know about the forerunner." Glory to God!"** That is how a true gift proves itself. Yes.

And beloved, **though they may gather tens of thousands of self appointed offices, they cannot prove by the Scripture and they cannot prove by Bible standards that those five men that they will bring to me, from the whole world, match the Bible of an apostle, prophet, evangelist, teacher and pastor. They cannot do it.**

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**Question#147:**"Why are the four gospels silent about a five-fold ministry, though Jesus ordained the twelve and then seventy preachers?"

**Answer::** Good question. Was anybody able to read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John with all the preachers that the Lord ordained and was able to pick out amongst those preachers who were apostle, prophet, teacher, evangelist, and pastor? [Congregation says, "No!"] Then the four gospels were silent concerning the five-

fold ministry. And then this person is asking here "Why?" "Under such a great ministry of the Lord Jesus where he raised the dead, walked upon the waters, healed the sick and did all kinds of miracles at that time, why was there **not a five-fold ministry identified** under the four gospels and the most mighty preacher that ever preached upon the face of the earth?"

I will give you the answer. **Because it only existed and was not positionally placed, and since it was not positionally placed, the preachers and the apostles had no authority to the claims of a five-fold ministry, though they had power and the devil was subject to them, and signs and wonders were done, almost equal to the Lord's ministry. With power, with signs, with wonders, with ordination by the hand of Jesus himself, they had no business and no authority to claim the five-fold ministry. They had no authority to say, "It's the gathering of the five fold".** But they guessed at it, and in their guessing, there arose an argument among them of who should be the greatest in the kingdom of God.

If they were positionally set there would not have been any argument. The reason that there were arguments is because they were not positionally set. So the argument arose because they were not certain of their positions. So they argued about who will be the greatest, and they were full of pride and the Lord heard it and He rebuked them. He said, "You are jumping ahead. Come here, I will teach you a lesson". And he took up a little child, and said, "Whosoever shall desire to be the greatest shall be the least, and unless you humble yourself as this little child you shall in no wise enter into baptism of the Holy Spirit (the kingdom of God)". Matthew 18: 1-4).

## **WHEN YOU'RE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, YOU'RE IN THE KINGDOM**

**Quote:** 1121-274 "Now, you're on your road through justification and sanctification to the baptism of the Holy Ghost. **But when you're genuinely baptized with the Holy Ghost, you're in the Kingdom.**" (Questions And Answers 64-0830m).

Now let me make this statement preachers: **Preachers around the world, if the apostles with signs, wonders and miracles, never claimed a manifested five-fold, you are out of place to claim that, and to boast about that, and that makes you impersonators, to make such claims, because you are powerless. You fabricate miracles and signs. Yes, you fabricate an office, and you blow up certain miracles that take place in the church of God, to make yourself look like the early apostles, and the early prophets and the early miracle workers; you fabricate spiritual gifts. Put down your pride and the Lord will help you.**

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**Question#148:**"When was the five-fold ministry identified to the early church, before or after Pentecost?"

**Answer::** Ephesians 4:11-15, it was positionally placed and set in order at Pentecost, by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen!"] **And the false claims of a five-fold ministry today are exposed and condemned because the church is to return to the power of Pentecost, where the five-fold ministry will be set in order, and thoroughly identified to all men.**

**It took the outpouring to identify the five-fold ministry, and it takes another outpouring of the Holy Spirit to identify the five-fold ministry today. And these preachers are identifying the five-fold ministry before this outpouring of the Holy Spirit; they are found impersonators.**

Maybe you want to hear the prophet a little. Some fanatic might say today that there are only two offices since the opening of the seals. Is that so?

### **FIVE FOLD GIFTS -IT'S BEEN DARK TWO THOUSAND YEARS**

**Quote:** E-64 *"Then God went up and give gifts to men. Now, what does gifts do? Some of them are first apostles, after that prophets, teacher, evangelist, is that right? All gifts put in the church, it was in the early church at the beginning. Now, it's been dark two years, it's coming out over here in the last age, in the western country, alpha, omega. (Faith Once Delivered To The Saints 55-0501).*

What do you understand by that? The prophet made a little mistake and he said, "It had been dark for two years". Now you want me to say what the prophet say. Now must I behave dumb and say "two years". That is how people understand the message. I am hearing the prophet by divine revelation; it had been dark for two thousands years. **The gifts were set at Pentecost, and since that time it had been dark through out the ages, but the gifts are going to be set in order again, because he is alpha and he is omega, and the gifts were positionally placed with one man first, called William Branham.**

### **CAN'T JUST SAY THERE'S A PASTOR & EVANGELIST, NO PROPHET OR APOSTLE**

**Quote:** E-51 *"But you realize that God knows you before you ever come on the earth. You believe that? How many believes that gifts and callings are without repentance? The Bible said there's five gifts in the church. God has set in the church Apostles, or missionaries, apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors. Truly. If there's apostle, there's a prophet. If there's a prophet, there's a teacher. If there's a teacher, there's a pastor or a evangelist. See. You can't just say there's a pastor and evangelist, no prophet or apostle. God still sets... As long as He's got His church, He's still got His church setting. Certainly. Now, you don't lay hands on one another for them gifts. God has set in the church."* (Tested.Faith.Produces.Goods 58-0518).

As long as the church exists you must be able to have that five-fold ministry, and you cannot say that you just have the pastor or a teacher today, since the opening of the

seals. If there are pastors and teachers you must have the prophets and the apostles. **I am asking all the followers of Malachi 4, where are your apostles? Where are your prophets? They've got to be somewhere around, but you cannot make them out yet.**

## **WHY MINISTERS SAY THERE IS A PASTOR & EVANGELIST, BUT NO PROPHET**

*Quote: 205 "Preaching is a gift, inspired preaching. See? And the gift... Some are apostles, some prophets, some teachers, some pastors, some evangelists; that's the gifts that's in the church. See? But it's possible we can have more than one like Paul or any of those. Now, **as long as there's a apostle, there's got to be a prophet. As long as there's a prophet, there's got to be an evangelist. Why is it ministers say there is a pastor and evangelist, but there's no prophet. See? That's picking what you want to, making it say something that it doesn't. But God is His own interpreter of His Word. He says whether it's right or not.**" (Voice Of The Sign 64-0214).*

Now, did Brother Branham confirm that there ought to be apostles today, and there ought to be prophets today? He said, **"You just cannot have part of the five fold ministry, you've got to have all"**. Yes. I believe in all. And when I go to the ministers' meeting, I am asking for all. When I go to the churches I want to see all. If you claim a five-fold I want to see all. **I don't want to hear names now. I don't want to hear titles now. No! I want to see them match the scriptures. So it is a false claim.**

Let me put in something here. It's a thorn in those preachers' flesh. How many knows that Brother Branham said that the reformers were not real prophets, that they were reformers? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*]

## **MARTIN LUTHER WAS A REFORMER NOT A PROPHET**

*Quote: 149-4 {218} "Why did **Martin Luther** say that? Because he was a reformer, **not a prophet.**" (First seal 63-0318)*

*Quote: 247-3 "**Martin Luther was a reformer, not a prophet.** Now I know the history book calls him a prophet, but it doesn't mean that the history book is right, for **there is no record of Martin Luther qualifying as a true prophet of God in the grand Scriptural sense of that word.**" (Church Ages).*

**Well then, in the dark ages brothers and sisters it lacked prophets positionally placed, and it lacked apostles positionally placed. Therefore there was not a five-fold ministry set in order in the middle ages.** Preachers, when were your five-fold ministry set in order and how? Your false claims are exposed!

How many also know that Brother Branham said that the last and seventh church age messenger will be a prophet, and as a result he will restore the Word of God, because he is a true prophet. [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] **The world had never**

**seen an apostle since the early apostolic church until the arrival of William Branham and they had never seen a true prophet until the arrival of Elijah the prophet. Therefore, the five-fold ministry began to be set in order only when William Branham came on the scene.** The world had forgotten all about apostle and prophet and true evangelists, teachers and pastors. God sent a sheaf wave-offering Yes. A man with all the five gifts in him, of apostles, prophets, teacher evangelist and pastor, and endowed with the nine gifts in him, a man who was both an old testament prophet and new testament prophet, and **God sent him here as a sheaf wave-offering to show the end time bride what is the true five-fold ministry.**

Brother Branham had all the five-fold ministry in him with the nine divers gifts and many other gifts. The alpha that set the five-fold ministry by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost was the Omega that came to William Branham, and begin to set the five-fold ministry in order again, and he was just an example to the end time bride, of what we should have today. Malachi 4, William Branham was the true apostle and true prophet, and Oral Roberts was a false apostle and a deceitful worker. And all the other evangelists were false apostles and deceitful workers, in his day. And they are still deceitful workers and money lovers, but William Branham was a true prophet and a true apostle, and the bride must hunger and thirst to see that kind of ministry come back to the church. Yes!

All the claims of apostles and prophet... **How did Brother Branham become an apostle and prophet? God spoke to him and revealed his ministry to him and appointed an angel and many more angels for the operation of that ministry.** Notice that Paul was an apostle and he was travelling in a boat, and he said my angel which stand at my side spoke to me tonight. (Acts 27: 22-23). And notice, there was another apostle; glory to God! and they put the apostle in jail, and the angel of the Lord came in awoke him and opened up the gate and set him free. (Acts 12: 6-10). **That is the operation of an apostle. An apostle is a gifted man, and an angel is appointed on to him for the ministry. Yes sir!** Notice when Brother Branham came to the pulpit, he said there is an angel that is standing by his side, and that the angel gave him a commission for divine healing. Yes sir! Oh Glory to God!

Brethren I don't have time to explain this, but **all those apostles that were in the upper room, and were gifted with offices, an angel was appointed unto them immediately when they went into the body of Christ and they received the fullness of the Holy Ghost. They were gifted at that time and given an angel.** Brother Branham said that when the church is positionally set in order he will appoint an angel to you and he will gift you and you will do the very same works like the apostles.

## **AN ANGEL COME TO YOU, SET YOU APART AND TELL YOU YOUR POSITION**

**Quote: E-28 He took him into a place, and there he adopted him into his family... The church ought to be that way tonight, an Angel come to you, set you apart and tell you your position, where you're at. Not a bunch of men to lay hands**

on you, that's earthly. I mean God; God sets you apart in a place where you belong. God does it; your Tutor does it. He's present when it takes place." (Hear. Ye. Him 56-0611).

### **PLACE HIM - VISIT HIM WITH AN ANGEL**

**Quote:** 159 "God trying to place His church in position to manifest Himself, getting one that He can work through like this, say... Get another one over here and **place him**...Adoption, placing, manifesting, **take him out here and put a ceremony on him, visit him with an Angel**, tell him something... when God manifests Himself and He sends him out. **And then he goes forth**, and what he says is truth. What he does is the truth. **What he does, he manifests Christ.**" (Position In Christ 60-0522m).

Preachers are hog tied from Genesis to Revelation. **All the claims of your five-fold ministry are nonsense. Yes. If a man is an apostle, there is an angel appointed unto him. Yes, he will travel with him from here to Rome.** Glory to God! Yes sir. I am telling you the truth. If you get into prison the angel will open the prison and set you free, unless he wants you in there for a purpose like Paul

An Angel of God was with William Branham because he was a true apostle, he was a true prophet, he was a teacher, pastor and an evangelist at the same time. Yes. **What nonsense are you talking about, five-fold. Yes I want the whole world to hear about this. Yes, I am questioning all the ministers around the world, I am asking you where is your five fold ministry preachers. I have disproved it by the Word of God. I have exposed your claims as fanaticism. I have exposed your claims as heresy. I exposed your claims as wild boast. Where is your five fold? It is a proud boast and you need to humble your heart like a little child, Jesus said, if you're going to get a place in the kingdom of God. Yes friend.**

**In conclusion, none can hope to be set in the five-fold ministry and be identified in the church as any part of the five-fold ministry without another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This proves that our teaching and our doctrine, for better than three decades is correct, that there will be another outpouring of the Holy Spirit like the day of Pentecost. Without that outpouring there is no rapture, without that outpouring the five-fold cannot be scripturally identified, without that outpouring Christ cannot bring the dead from the grave. You believe that with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind. [Congregation rejoices in the Spirit.] I know what I am talking about. Yes sir. Hold on to that for life. Don't let an impersonator fool you a bit. Yes, no power, no rapture. **No power, no Apostolic Ministry. Yes sir! you've got to see the five-fold ministry set in order. Glory to God! Yes.****

Though you are called to the five fold ministry, you cannot hope to be manifested as a member of the five-fold without the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. **There is a long way from being called into the five-fold, and being vindicated as a member of the five-fold. Yes sir.**

All Judases will miss this appointment. Judas never made it up to Pentecost to be identified with that five-fold. Yes. **I believe in a five-fold. Don't say I don't believe.** I challenge the false claims of the ministry around the world, and I challenge you with just common sense. When you are gathered, invite me and introduce to me the five-fold ministry, yes, and give me the book of Acts that they wrote. "That's a very hard demand." No, the prophet of God said it will come to pass. I've got to see it. Just like the book of acts which recorded the acts of the Holy Spirit working through the five fold Ministry.

### **IF IT PUTS FORTH ANOTHER BRANCH THEY'LL WRITE ANOTHER BOOK OF ACTS**

**Quote:** 61 "*first branch that came from this Vine, they wrote a Book of Acts behind that branch. We see the way the Holy Spirit acted in that first church, that church of Pentecost... if this original Vine ever puts forth another branch, they'll write another Book of Acts behind it, because it's the same Life that's in the Vine. And if the first branch put forth a bunch of grapes, and then we find a bunch out here that's got watermelons growing on it, or pumpkins, or cucumbers, we know that it isn't the life that's in the vine.*" (Investments 63-0803b)

Similar quotations can be found on (E-60 Jehovah Jireh 1 64-0402, E-51 Letting Off The Pressure 62-0609e, E-82 The Way Back 62-1123, E-31 Believest Thou This 60-0402).

And he said, don't you compromise for nothing else than what they received on the day of Pentecost: The same kind of a sign, the same kind of wonders, the same kind of miracles and the same kind of everything. Yes sir! I believe.

### **DON'T COMPROMISE WITH NOTHIG LESS THAN THEY GOT AT PENTECOST**

**Quote:** 276 "*Don't you compromise with anything less than the baptism of the Holy Ghost like they got at Pentecost, with the same type of water baptism, the same things that they did there. Don't you let nothing put anything in your heart less than that.*" (Laodicean church age 60-1211E).

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**Question#149:** "Will each local assembly consist of a five fold?"

**Answer:** You are talking about hard questions. "And the Queen of Sheba came down to Jerusalem, to try Solomon with many hard questions." But I thank God there is a greater than Solomon, who is here today, yes, and he helps us out. Yes. "Will each local assembly consist of a five fold?" **It is highly possible that you will have certain groups, certain assemblies with all five-fold ministry. But I believe all assemblies individually would not have their entire five fold,** even because the apostle is a travelling man, and the evangelist is a travelling man, and if every assembly has their own five-fold ministry, there is no need for an apostle to come to

them, and there is no need for an evangelist to come to them. So **I believe that there are certain assemblies that will have all five-fold and many of them will not have a complete five-fold**, then they will need the apostle from the next assembly and the evangelist, and they may even need the teachers. And that was demonstrated in the Scriptures, when Brother Paul went out the second time, on his second missionary journey, he went back to the churches to strengthen them in the Word of God, because his gift was greater than what they had in the churches. And that was also demonstrated in the ministry of Timothy. Paul pastored Timothy until the day of his death. He was very submissive and he listened to the apostle because he was an experienced servant, a man gifted. Paul could not come to Timothy but he wrote letters and answered his questions, told him how to do battle, how to fight, how to shut the mouths of the heretics and how to shut the mouths of these tattling women in the church. It worked out well, and we are still using the exposition of damnable heresies that Brother Paul wrote. Oh Glory to God!

I believe that within certain groups there will be lacking certain major offices, especially the apostle and the evangelist. And likely there will be prophets in almost every assembly, because that is a common gift. And you may have prophets in every assembly to keep the church clean. From the time you come in with sin, that little sister is going to stand up and say, "Thus saith the Lord, there is somebody that committed fornication, fooling with an unsaved man, staying out late from work to fool with an unsaved man, and they come piously and sit in the House of God, repent or perish! There is a young man who is fooling with an unsaved woman. He went out and committed fornication. Repent or perish!" And if he has a lying spirit, he would stand up and say, "I never done that. Me?!" He falls down and die like Ananias and Sapphira. Fearful times are coming into the House of God. Fearful times friends. We'd better clean up our lives, now.

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**Question#150:** "We know the Holy Spirit rules the church, but is there someone to lead the church? Who should lead it?"

**Answer::** Smart question. **My beloved, Brother Branham Said that the Lord has never left the earth without a witness.**

### **GOD NEVER WILL BE WITHOUT A WITNESS, AS LONG AS THERE IS AN EARTH**

**Quote:** *E-13 "And then, we understand that **God in all ages has had gifts and wonders that He's worked through**, calling the people. In every age, practically, God has had a servant, or somewhere a person sometimes, that He could lay His hand on, or a people. **He's never been without a witness, and He never will be without a witness, as long as there is an earth, to bear with Him.**"*

*(Queen.Of.Sheba 58-0503)*

## AND GOD HAS NEVER LEFT HISSELF ON THE EARTH WITHOUT A WITNESS

**Quote:** E-8 *"And God has never left Hisself on the earth without a witness. God has always, somewhere, some place, had a person that He could put His hands on and would stand for a witness."* (Secondhanded Robe 56-1125m).

## SOMETIMES IT COMES TO JUST ONE PERSON, LIKE IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

**Quote:** E-17 *Sometimes it comes to just one person, like in the days of Noah, or the time of Elijah, and so forth. Sometime it's just one person. **But He's never been without a witness, as long as there has been an earth.** And He never will be without a witness, as long as there is an earth. There's always someone that He can put His hands on, and put His trust in, and say, "This is My servant that'll do My will."* (Deep.Calleth.To.The.Deep 56-0415)

## ALL AGES HAD HIS REPRESENTATIVE ON EARTH: NEVER WITHOUT A WITNESS

**Quote:** E-13 *"Now, in the days of Solomon God was working. Again, **He's never left His people without a witness.** All ages God has had His gift in His people. Just get that again. **In all ages God has had His representative on the earth:** never without a witness."* (Sin Of Unbelief The 58-0517).

*Similar quotations can be found on (E-61 Five Junctions Of Time 56-0122, 124 Testimony Of A True Witness 61-1105 and E 28 About Jesus 55-0612).*

"Is there somebody to lead the church?" It is perfectly scriptural. Didn't you read in the Bible in the Book of Galatians where it says that Paul was chosen as a light to the Gentiles and he was sent to the Gentiles, and Peter was sent unto the Jews? (Galatians 2: 8). Were they leaders? The answer to this question I state that, **God set the apostles as the leaders of the church. Let somebody refute that somewhere.**

Now since they were set as the leaders of the church of God, the Bible says we are built upon the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, Jesus Christ the chief cornerstone. (Ephesians 2:20).Romans 1:5 says that the Lord set apostles for the obedience of the faith.

So now, **the very reason that there is so much confusion and disarray, and everybody doing what they want around the message is because they lack these apostles amongst the church as leaders, and intellectual men have taken up the message and taken up the Bible and try to lead the people around the world. So it is the day of the false apostles and the false anointed ones.** Soon after that will come these true apostles to straighten out the mess in the message. Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen!"]

You say, "Where is that preacher?" There was a white horse rider, riding the trail, and there was a false prophet and a false apostle, and the white horse rider drove

him off the trail and said, "Get off this trail, no man can ride this trail except he is ordained to ride it". (*And knoweth it not 1965*).

**"What is that white horse preacher?" The apostolic church in power.** It is coming in power to drive all these false prophets around the world, that hold the Bride in their grip of heresies. **God is going to raise up a ministry of apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists and pastors, and He is going to expose these false prophets, just like He silenced Simon the Sorcerer, He is going to silence all these witches that handle the message today.** You are talking about witches preaching this message. You are talking about Simon the Sorcerers preaching this message for money. The Lord is coming to drive them off the trail with an apostolic ministry. God say so and we believe it. [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] God will loose these New Testament apostles and prophets in the end time here, because we are living in the eagle age, and He will drive them off the trail.

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**Question#151:**"I read Book Seven - Exposition of Damnable Heresies, and I wish to do evangelism, but would like to go in power. Should I wait or continue as before?"

**Answer:**O Glory to God! My precious brother, I will answer this question in this way. **If you are qualified according to Bible pattern as an apostle, prophet or evangelist, I bid you go. Glory to God. And if you have fulfilled the five musts, that Brother Branham declared on Doing God A Service Without His Will, then go. Yes sir.**

**TO DO GOD A SERVICE CORRECTLY, THERE IS FIVE MUSTS**  
**Quote:** 108 **"To do God a service correctly, there is five musts...** I want you to remember these. No matter how sincere a man may be in doing it, doing God a service, these five must be there: **First, it must be His time to do it...** Must be in His time, it must be in His season, time and season, and it must be according to His Word that has been spoken... **and it must be given according to the person He has chosen to do it by...** Moses tried to run from it. "Take somebody else." But God chose Moses to do it. Many of them... But it's got to be by the one He chooses to do it. And **it must come first to His prophets.** The Word of God must come to His prophets: Amos 3:7, "The Lord God will do nothing until first He reveals it to His servant the prophet." Four. **And the prophet must be a-vindicated by the Word of God. There's your five musts.** It's got to be that way: His time; His season (when He said it would be); and the man that He chose, and it must come to the prophet; and the prophet must be a vindicated prophet." (*Trying To Do God A Service 65-0718m*).

Jesus told the apostles, tarry ye in Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high, then shall ye be my witnesses and reap the harvest. (*Luke 24-29*). Is that right? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] Answer closed.

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**Question#152:** "Should ministers go two together? If they don't are they breaking the commandment of Jesus?"

**Answer:**My God, these people could ask you some questions. That is Scriptural. Jesus called two and two and he sent them out where he himself may come. But then this brother is asking here, "Should we follow that pattern, and then if a man doesn't follow that pattern, then does he break the Scripture?"

I want to say this my brother, that there is no direct command, and I found a man who went alone as an evangelist and he was called Phillip the Evangelist. Yes and he had an angel too, though he was an evangelist. He was positionally set in order and his angel directed him where to go, and he directed him to a certain man and he went alone. When he went down there and he baptised the man, the angel snatched him up and took him away. (Acts 8: 26-40). Yes, easy transport, money saved, airfare saved. Oh my God! We're looking for that. Yes. So there is no direct command of the Lord on that, although he done that. Don't forget that was before the day of Pentecost when the apostles were still feeling around. But after that we had different men who went alone. Yes and Acts 13, we see the same thing here where Paul and Barnabas was sent. The Holy Ghost said, "Take out these two fellows".

The Bible said that two is better than one. Yes, two is better than one, that if one fall he would support the other, but a three-fold cord is not easily broken. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12). Yes, so I like a company.

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**Question#153:** "If a man is a eunuch, is there any place for him in the five fold ministry? It's important."

**Answer:**Now, of course, this is based upon the wrong theory, that if a man is single he cannot preach. And this is the answer that I will give from *Matthew 9:10-2*: "*His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men...*" *They castrate them. "...and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake.*" They are healthy men and they could be married, he said, but they have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of God's sake.

"Is there a place for a eunuch of this type, who was born a eunuch, made a eunuch of man, or made himself a eunuch. Can you point in the Scriptures Brother Bruce where certain men had made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of God's sake?" Jesus the Christ. Glory! He was a healthy man. And in John 17, He said, "I have sanctified myself because of them". And the Bible said that he was tempted in all

points as we are, yet without sin". (Hebrews 4:15). He made himself a eunuch for the kingdom of God's sake.

And I know of another man, who made himself a eunuch and his name was Brother Paul. Yes, he said, I have the power to lead around a sister. (1 Corinthians 9:5-6). In other words he was a healthy man; he could get married and have children. Yes, and Barnabas. Yes sir, he said, but every man has his proper gift. (1 Corinthians 7:7). Yes, and there are men who make themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of God sake and refuse to get married because they so loved God. Yes, so there is a place for a eunuch in the kingdom of God.

## **PASTORS' AND FAMILIES' CONDUCT AND MISCONDUCT**

*"The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: **Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder.**" (1Peter 5:1-4).*

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**Question#154:** "What is the pastor's position in the church; please describe his duties?"

**Answer:** My brothers and sisters, the answer is, **he is the head of the local body, the assembly.** And we are going to pick him up shortly and deal with this pastor man and his misconduct and his do's and his don'ts, his misbehaviour and his control of the money and greediness for the people's money. He is a trouble man in the church of God. So that is going to run right in line there to show you the do's and the don'ts of the pastor in relation to the sheep of God.

1 Peter chapter 5:1-4 declares the duty of the pastor or any minister. That was brought out in a very lovely way after the resurrection of our Lord in twenty-first chapter of the Book of John, where the Lord asked Peter, who had the keys to the kingdom of God: "*Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?*" He saith unto him, *Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.*" He repeated it three times. And he said, "*Feed my sheep.*" That's the duty of the minister. The sheep are the big ones and the lambs are the small ones. So not only feed the older people in the faith but also the little ones who comes into the faith. So the duty of the minister is to see that his congregation is well fed with the Word of God. In so doing he proves his love to God. If a minister is not doing that he is not proving his love to God.

**PASTOR IS A SHEPHERD - A FEEDER OF THE FLOCK**

**Quote:** E-6 "Really, "**pastor**" comes from the word, "**a shepherd, a feeder of the flock.**" And they are pastors, shepherds."(Faithful Abraham 61-0312)

### **IT'S YOUR DUTY TO SEE THAT THE FLOCK IS FED RIGHT**

**Quote:** 31 " **It's the duty of we as pastors to see that this flock is fed and fed right, because God Almighty will require your blood at our hands.** At the day of the judgment we'll answer for you. So seeing this great tremendous responsibility that's placed upon us, and God has given us people who love us and come to hear us, then **we should spend our time constantly watching for your souls.** And when the first little thing we see raising up that's not right, it's our duty to come to that person, because we are shepherds watching that sheep. **And if I see that sheep eating on a weed that will kill it, I better drive it away from that weed.**" (You Must Be Born Again 61-1231m).

The only way that a minister can prove his faithfulness towards God and the congregation is to feed them with the Bread of Life that came down from heaven. Not fellowshiping, eating, drinking, partying and visiting the homes of the brethren eating and drinking. There is also a commandant: "**And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.**" (Luke 10: 6-7).

A minister is bound under certain vows, a Nazarite vow, to keep himself holy unto the Lord, committed to Christ and to the sheep under his care. He cannot do as he pleases and what he wants. He is a prisoner of the Lord Jesus Christ and that was demonstrated in the ministry of Brother Paul when he wrote, "**Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ.**" (Philemon 1:1) He was a prisoner, both naturally and spiritually.

Acts 20:28; this is the last charge that Brother Paul gave unto the Ephesians: "**And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. And when they were come to him, he said unto them... Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.**" (Acts 20:17, 18, 28).

In 2 Timothy the fourth chapter Paul charged Timothy to preach the Word. That's the best scripture that I can think of for the duty of a minister. He said, "**I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 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.**" (2 Timothy 4: 1-4).

So the duty of the minister is to stay in the quietness of the Spirit, in contact with the Lord, away from the general crowd, staying alone with God to find His will, to find His word and to find the truth that is needed for the congregation at that special season.

## **OUGHT TO STAY IN THE QUIETNESS, IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD**

**Quote:** E-12 *I just like to stay in the sweetness of His Presence, and then enter the room, then just do what He tells me to do. See? That's right...I think **ministers should do that.** It's not be out on parties and mixing up with peoples in a social affairs, **I think we ought to stay in the quietness, in the Presence of the Lord.** And that's tried to be a practice of mine, to enter in every afternoon at three o'clock, and then **talk no more until I enter the pulpit that night.** (Confirmation And Evidence 62-0621e).*

## **SHOULD BE DEDICATED WHOLLY TO THE SERVICE OF GOD**

**Quote:** 38 *"How many, wonder, we're thinking of just now of great men, great servants, who God has used, and finally comes to a place till **they feel that they know so much about the Word of God, till they don't even have that time off to pray no more.** It's always social visits, visit somebody, go out to dinner. And **the time that they should be spending with God alone,** alone in preparing to come out in the sweetness of the Spirit before the congregation, they're out somewhere with some entertainment. **You can't serve God and man at the same time. God's servant should be an isolated person to Him only.** If we could only let the people see that.*

*And then they get to a place they make themselves under obligation, as they meet the people. They meet the people, and there's bound to be a want for this and a want for that. And then the man of God gets his mind all tore up, and he's so tore up when he goes to his room. He begins to study, "Now, if I don't do this, this man will feel bad about it. And this don't do this, this man will feel bad about it." And then when he walks out to the platform, he hardly knows where he's standing; his mind is all tore up, when **he ought to have spent that time with God.** See? **They're not social leaders.** A man of God should be dedicated wholly to the service of God." (Influence 63-1130B).*

Our Lord also brought that out concerning a faithful shepherd: *"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?" (Matthew 24:45).* So that bears out the duties of the shepherd. That's his calling and his duty. This is laid out here by the prophet for the age who we can address by many titles; Prophet William Branham; Apostle William Branham; Overseer William Branham; Superintendent William Branham; Teacher William Branham; Evangelist William Branham; Pastor William Branham; and **he was the general overseer of all Christianity in the age in which we are living, though he was not accepted by all.** He stated here:

## **THE OFFICE OF THE PASTOR**

**Quote:** *"The office of the pastor is to conduct and act upon any program of which he believes to be according to the plan of God, according to the Word of God, for the*

*Branham Tabernacle. **He shall assume supreme authority and meet promoting for the spiritual welfare of the church. He shall be head of the associate pastor, the deacon board, the trustee board, an the church body itself. Acting in wisdom to lead God's saints, manifesting love toward all the saints and their burdens. Conducting himself in perfect servitude, of which God has called and placed him to act upon.**" (Operations of Church Offices as Were Recommended By Rev. William Branham for the Branham Tabernacle).*"

Let that also be for Bethel (The House of God).

**The pastor's position is a very serious one** and much authority is invested in the pastor. He is the head of the local body. And we want to pay close attention to that statement here "local body." **He is not the supreme head of all churches. He is the supreme authority of the local body.** That means the church that he pastors in his area, in his town or wherever that church is. So this is borne out in many quotations.

#### **AN ELDER IS THE HEAD OF THE LOCAL BODY**

**Quote:** *E-58 "Look, **the highest order in the Bible for the church, the local church is the elder...** Elders is what's the head of the church, every church." (Earnestly Contending For The Faith 53-0614a).*

**Quote:** *291 "What does a elder mean?... **"Elder" means "the head of a city or the head of a tribe."** An elder, "the head of something." **Brother Neville right now is an elder to this church.** What is he? **He's the head of this local body.** See? And the mayor of the city would be the elder of this city... You remember back in the Bible times, the elders of the city? "Elder" means "the head of a city or the head of a tribe." (Rev.Chap.4.Pt.2.24.Elders 61-0101).*

Similar quotations can be found on: *"India Trip Report 57-0126b, Hebrews.Chapter.5.And.6 57-0908m, Hebrews Chapter 7.Pt.2 Church Order 57-0922, Church Order 58-1006, Just One More Time Lord 63-0120e, An Absolute 63-0127."* Those quotations deal with the authority of the elder or pastor in a church. At times this pastor is also called a bishop, so those words are used interchangeably, and you have variations of elders, variations of bishops, and then the pastor, however, is the full and complete authority of the church. **As stated by the prophet of God, he is the head of the deacon board, trustee board, he is the head of the music, and the entire body of Christ, even because that Shepherd will give an account to God for every thing that is done in that assembly.**

There are lots of powers that are invested in a pastor or a Shepherd in his own assembly. He is over the tithes; he is over the offering and all the monies in the church. It does not matter what office they hold, they cannot spend one penny without the authorization of that pastor, even because he will be held accountable for the tithes and the offerings that comes into the church, and on that day of reckoning, he must give an account of how that money was spent. That was God's money and God put him as a steward over that money, and he must give an account on that Day of Judgment before the Throne of Christ, **he must give an account of his stewardship.**

**So much power are invested in this pastor, and he holds a position of a certain kind, that the other ministries don't hold. He has a lot of power over the sheep themselves.** The Apostle comes and does what he does and he is a travelling man, he goes. The Prophet stands up and he prophesies of something that will benefit the church, and he sits down. In New Testament times they did some preaching and exhortation too. The Evangelist passes by and he preaches and goes his way; then the Teacher comes by, and he may be there for several months, he teaches, or he may be in that assembly, he teaches the church, sets the church in order and goes his way, but the Pastor remains with the flock. He is commissioned and commanded by God to take care of the flock. He is dealing with them on a daily basis, each service. The Lord is going to hold him accountable for the welfare of the sheep. If he does not function rightly, and he becomes out of order, then the Lord will remove him as Shepherd, and he will replace into the assembly, Shepherds after his own heart who will feed them: *"Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD. And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD."* (Jeremiah 23: 2-4, 3:15).

So now because of this pastor's authority over the money, over the people, over young beautiful ladies, over men's wives, over the deacons, over the trustees, over the other ministers, over the music and generally, everything in the house of God, **if that fellow who calls himself a pastor, is not born again, anointed of the Holy Spirit and has the right motives and objectives, he becomes a tool in the hand of the devil. And this is where a lot of hirelings prove themselves to be hirelings,** because the hireling makes his way amongst the sheep. He acts just like the Shepherd. He seems to be taking care of the sheep and all their welfare, but according to *St John 10:12*, but when he sees the wolf coming, *he leaves the sheep and fleeth, but the good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (St. John 10:11).* **The hireling has one thing in mind,** as we established earlier, and which we will pin down on these questions here. **He is concerned about his hire,** that is why he is called "Hire-ling!" He is concerned about his hire, not about the sheep but about the hire.

So now you have young girls who have confidence in this pastor. The congregation has confidence in the pastor, they entrust their tithes, their offerings, their daughters, their wives, their children, and their own souls into the hand of that Shepherd, and many times it's a hireling who appears to be a Shepherd. So now there is a way that the Lord gave us to distinguish between the Shepherd and the hireling. There are three main things in this whole study that we are trying to bring out, and that is **Shepherds, Hirelings, Wolves, Goats and the Sheep.** The Shepherd is for the sheep, and both the hirelings and the wolves are against the sheep. **So around the world today, those who call themselves "pastors", the majority are hirelings.** You can hear them on the radio begging for hire, on the magazine, over the television and over their pulpits begging for hire. Now this same spirit of organization where we have a bunch of hirelings over in organizations have now come under the message, and **many are not true Shepherds, but they came in and joined**

**themselves to the message**, like Brother Jude said "*certain men crept in unawares.*"(Jude 1:4). Under the message of Malachi 4, they crept in unawares, but they have that Judas spirit, that money spirit, that spirit that is working in the gospel for money.

**A true Shepherd does not come into the gospel to find a job.** No! A true Shepherd comes into the gospel because he is called of God, and he feels committed to Almighty God; **that is his duty for life. Whether he gets a penny or not**, whether he comes under persecution or not, it's something that is born in him, like a true mother bringing forth a baby, she is born for that purpose, she is not looking for a hire, pay nor nothing. No, she was born with that sacred trust of motherhood. She was called to that purpose, so she feels committed. Whether or not she gets a reward when that child becomes an adult, that's her duty, and that is her commitment in life. That's the same thing that the Lord puts down in the Shepherd, way beyond the sacredness of motherhood. That call goes beyond that sacredness of motherhood, and puts a certain affection and care for the sheep, in so much that the good Shepherd would lay down his life for the sheep.

If you find a Shepherd with the wrong spirit, he builds a kingdom of his own, because he has power invested in him, and he will use the same quotations that I have just given to you, in order to build a kingdom. He puts up his great walls of Babylon, and fences out anyone who will interrupt his progress and his hire. Now he puts up those walls and draws his fences, that a fellow like me cannot enter into that assembly, because I will point out the faults, I will point out his hypocrisy, I will point out the failures, and I will tell the congregation about the wrong that he is doing.

*Like Brother Peter warned: "Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock."* (1 Peter 5:3). **So now, what we have today in the form of pastors, are lords over God's heritage.** They built their kingdoms and they have become kings and lords over the flock of God. As lords over God's heritage, they draw their fences, build their walls and control the money. So they built up those walls that they might keep the money. They fence in the tithes, fence in the offering, and fence in their own opinions. The congregation is in subjection to their heresies, in subjection to their teachings, and opinion, which is contrary to the system that God set up for the church of Jesus Christ.

In fencing themselves in, they fence the sheep away from those other gifts of Apostles, Teachers, Evangelists and Prophets, that could come in and help the congregation. **Now the ministry was not actually designed by Christ to be that way. It was designed that all five offices work together, "for the unity of the faith, for the perfection of the saints."** That is what the Bible said in *Ephesians 4:11-13*. **It was not designed for the pastor alone to stand over that congregation, and not let another brother preach, have an associate pastor, other brothers used of God, or not allow somebody with the Word of God who has better knowledge of the message to come in.** They fence the thing in, build a kingdom, and then become idols to their congregations. We have seen where they have become billionaires, out of tithes, offerings and all kind of other funds that they solicit from the people. Now when you see that kind of operation, you must know that's a hireling, "*by their fruits ye shall know them*". (Matthew 7:15-20). Brother Peter is bringing out right here, how that pastor should operate and how that minister should operate. He

said that he should operate from a willing heart, not for some kind of gain, not for money, not for the tithes of the people, nor for popularity. *"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind."* (1 Peter 5:2). This pastor having this authority invested in him, he abuses his authority. He abuses his authority over the money, because he has power over that money to spend it how he wants. That's a terrific thing. He has power over the deacons to put them down or to put them up. He has power over the trustees to do what he wants with them. If they come between him and his regime, he puts them down quickly. Then he has power over the music. If he has a worldly spirit he wants to bring in worldly music into the church. Nobody could say anything. He is a lord over God's heritage, and he will use these quotations that I just brought out there, that *"The pastor is the head and the supreme authority of the church"*, in order to **bind the people and hold them under his power**, and then if another minister wants to come in there and straighten him out, he blocks the doors. You can see what is happening to the sheep. It goes to show friends that he would allow the wolves to come in. He is not a true Shepherd, he is a hireling!

He abuses his authority on the money; he abuses his authority and defiles the women. When he is caught he goes up to the pulpit, patches it up, and he continues. Now you can see how the congregation will suffer under a, so-called pastor like that, under a hireling like that. **Now what causes this, even because we have Shepherds, we have hirelings, and we have wolves within the framework of the Christian church and within the framework of the message**, and if the sheep don't have the discernment to discern between the Hireling and the Shepherd then he will hold them under fear, defile the women, take all their money and mispend God's money! We seen that manifested in Judas. Judas was a hireling. He stole that which was in the money bag. Peter was a true Shepherd. Jesus was a true Shepherd and He is still the Chief Shepherd of the flock.

Now on account of blocking off the other offices from coming into that congregation to minister, gave rise to these questions that I am going to answer. I am stating here, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that **the church of God was not intended by Christ to run that way with a one fold**. That pastor brought that down to a one fold where he made himself a lord over God's heritage.

It is true that the pastor is the supreme authority over a local body, yet, God has set other offices for the perfection of the saints, and **if those other offices are not allowed in that congregation, the church cannot grow to perfection because the five-fold ministry works together for the perfection of the church**. (Ephesians 4: 11-12). So anytime a minister starts behaving in that manner, what will happen is that his capacity could only achieve so much to the congregation and he would deprive the congregation of the other ministrations of the Spirit through the Word of God, and he cannot perfect them, even because the five-fold ministry is set there for the perfection of the saints. Alright, the short and long of it is, anytime a man does that he has built an organization of his own; right under the message, a man has an organization. He has organized the people to a certain opinion, a certain thought, yes, and then holds them there under the message in an organization. He is used of the devil to control them.

Now hear these questions that will arise because of such Nicolaitanism. Now out of these assemblies from around the world they have found themselves in a certain spot and these questions that I am going to answer would reflect what is going on around the world in the Message. Now hear these questions and you would understand what happens when a minister becomes self-centred and don't want nobody to use the pulpit as an assistant pastor and don't want associate ministers, has an arrogant spirit, don't want to share the money that comes to the church, don't want to give nobody nothing and wants to become a millionaire. Now people would be suffering under that kind of system and some will take courage to ask questions.

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**Question#155:** "If a difference of policies or doctrine arises between the pastor, elders and deacons, how should we handle this?"

: When you have a system like that and you have one pastor, where he controls everything, shuts out the other part of the ministry that is to come in and help him, these kinds of questions will arise; "if there is a difference between elders and deacons and lay members concerning policies and doctrinal matters how to handle that?" That is a reflection that other offices are missing in the House of God. **It shows that these people were taught that the pastor is the supreme authority and nobody could correct him. But I want to state here; as much authority as the pastor has and all what God invested in him, he is not beyond correction. There is some office somewhere will correct him.** Somebody is going to rise and correct him.

Now the question comes up, "Who should be dealing with this man?" "If he has a difference of policies and doctrine in the House of God how to handle this thing?" Because the whole thing is just in one man and nobody can interfere. Now do you know friends, that those sheep would be suffering? Over a period of time they would be beaten and threatened into subjection. He'll put them under fear and hold them there because they don't know what they're supposed to know in the Word. So usually a man like that would threaten their souls with "blasphemy." "If you come against me you blaspheme", and holds the people under fear. That is a sure reflection that something is missing amongst the followers of the Message. And I would tell you right here friend; they are lacking apostles. **Look and see in your Bibles that when these problems came up in Corinth, Thessalonica and in other churches, letters were written to Brother Paul or Brother Peter and they gave the final word. Regardless of which pastor was standing there and how much authority he had, there was somebody to intervene.** So this is a clear reflection that we are lacking the apostles and we are lacking the prophets to come and handle these things in the local assembly. That further proves what I stated before, that the five-fold ministry is not yet set in order.

Now according to the scriptures and the Message, the deacons are not permitted to handle that pastor, he is their head. The Trustee cannot handle him. So this fellow has a "hey-day," this fellow is abusing authority, and would stand up and take these quotations from Brother Branham's message and tell them flat out that, "If you don't like what I am preaching here, get out."

So, he uses that authority even because there is not an apostle set in order to come and say, "Hold it there, wait a minute, I have an input into this congregation." Just like Brother Paul had an input in the Corinth church, and when a man started to live in fornication with his stepmother, Brother Paul wrote a letter, he said, "I am way down here but I have already judged, and you pastors are not doing your job up there with the congregation to put this man out of the church." "I have already judged to put that man into the hands of Satan," even because Brother Paul was the man who formed that church up in Corinth. And the Apostle spoke with authority and then they obeyed him and the man repented in the Second Book of Corinthians, and the Apostle wrote and said, *"So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow."* (II Corinthians 2:7). That's the order of the church.

"How do we handle this bastard out here, he is a supreme authority?" Well Brothers, whoever asked this question abroad there; **God's order is that ministers work in harmony with one another.** And the way to handle matters is **if there is a question on doctrines and policies is that you must contact a minister who this certain man respects.** Take your complaint as deacons and as a congregation to that minister, whether he is foreign or whether he is in the local vicinity, and get other ministers to come and speak to him. Lay out the complaint, get enough quotations, get enough scriptures and bring it before this certain pastor with the help of those ministers, and then tell him what you are supposed to tell him through that minister and then **the congregation has a God-given right that if they don't agree with his Jehovah Witness doctrine that he is bringing into the congregation, to vote him out. That is scriptural order.** If the congregation so pleases that they want to sit down and hear Jehovah Witness doctrine then it's a matter between them and the pastor. *"That is up to you and him,"* Brother Branham said on the Hebrew Book.

Alright, after the majority voted that they want to hear this unscriptural doctrines of *"Blood is off the mercy-seat; Seven Trumpets revealed; Seven Thunders revealed in 1963; Rapture is already taking place gradually; the Millennium is already set up"*, and in your conscience as a believer or a minister or a deacon or trustee whoever you are, you know that is contrary to the Word of God, contrary to the Message of the Hour, then you as an individual must make your stand, and you must separate from that unbelief.

If those ninety percent with the pastor want that Jehovah Witness doctrine, fine. Don't make a contention in the Church, don't start a fight, don't start a quarrel, don't start a bickering, don't start a fussing, you separate yourselves. Those who want to come out from that ten percent and say, "I will stay with the Message, and I am going to stay with the Word", then let them follow right in line.

## **IF YOUR CHURCH DON'T MEASURE UP TO GOD'S WORD, GET OUT OF IT**

**Quote: 34-4 "And church member, if your church isn't like that can measure up to God's qualification of His Word, get out of it, and get into Christ." (Choosing Of A Bride 65-0429e).**

That's the stand of the Church. If they don't agree with that policy, you don't agree with that doctrine, you don't agree with that man's life, and ninety percent, eighty percent, fifty percent, fifty-five percent vote for that man to still be standing there, you have a choice as a believer, or a minister, or an officer of any kind to leave and go and find green pastures.

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## Question#156:

## Heretical Article No. 135:

"If a pastor is found immoral who should correct him, Elders, the flock, how to tackle him?"

**Answer:** Now you can hear the cries from behind the fences. You can hear the cries from behind the walls of Babylon, and from that kingdom where the people are subjected to a certain spirit. On this question, "The pastor is found immoral, how to tackle him?" He's a great power to reckon with. You just cannot attack him foolishly. "We tried that before and he made us liars before the congregation. He turned the whole congregation against us, because we caught him with a sister and we brought up the matter, he made us all liars before the congregation, and they persecuted us beyond measure."

**This is a hard fellow to tackle. He is a King in his own Kingdom; he's a "lord over God's heritage".** How to deal with this fellow? He has power over the money, power over the deacons (the deacons can't talk to him), power over the trustees, power over the congregation, power over the musician, he's bringing in rock and roll music in the House of God because the Spirit of God flew away and he is trying to make up now with rock and roll music, and what he says goes. He goes up on the pulpit and say, "Who don't like the rock and roll music that I bring in here get out and go!" How to tackle this fellow?

There's a lacking, my friends, of the other offices in the House of God. Alright, to help you to understand what I am saying; if such a thing would have happened in the days of Brother Paul, how would they handle that back there? Just the way of 1 Corinthians 5. Some brother was wise enough, to write a little letter, or send a little message to Brother Paul. Oh yes! He said, "Brother Paul something is going on up here, and I don't think it is correct. I am not even a minister, but I observed this thing for the past few months and that is, I seen a certain man crying behind the church, and when I asked him what happen, he said that his son took away his wife, and Brother Paul I brought this to the attention of the elder, the pastor, I brought it to the deacons, and you know what happened? Nothing was done. The man kept on coming to church and the woman also, and after the service you can see them talking together and laughing together and my spirit don't bear witness."

When Brother Paul got that report he bawled. He said "What!" *"It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and **such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.**" (1 Corinthians 5:1). He said, "I'm way down here and I have already judged in my spirit". (1 Corinthians 5:3). **Now do you see they had somewhere to go, they had somebody to talk to who they depended on for better judgement, that if the***

**pastor fell or something in the congregation that he would allow, they had somewhere to go and much more for when the pastor become immoral.**

Now when they build their kingdoms and put up their fences, the people must suffer under that, because they shut out a fellow like me who calls "black", black, and "white", white. He could not allow me to preach in that congregation. That is why they won't allow me to preach in these assemblies around the country. **The first thing I would do is to blaze the clothing that they have on. All these "sack dresses" are reflections of the pastor's spirit.**

### **SACK DRESSES - THEY GOT PREACHERS LIKE THAT**

**Quote:** *E-29 "No wonder women are wearing sack dresses and shorts and things like that; they got preachers and deacons like that. It's a meal ticket, in the stead of a commission from God then." (Sign Of The Time 58-0520).*

He doesn't see anything immoral about that. He has "eyes of adultery" the Bible calls it, so he doesn't see anything wrong with that. ("**Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin.**" - *II Peter 2:14*). Now, but this was the system in the apostolic time; they had somewhere to go.

Here is a minister that is immoral, and they don't know who could correct this fellow. The deacon goes to him and he said, "I want you to know I am the head of this church". Now you are abusing authority. God gave you the authority but you cannot break the Word of God. You cannot do what you want. You must have somebody to correct you, and I tell you right here the Word will correct you, and somebody's got to have the Word. The Word will correct you. The Word is Supreme Authority. Who should correct this fellow? The elders and the assistant pastor have failed. And the other people there have to keep very quiet. How to tackle this man? He is a great giant standing behind the pulpit. A lot of people try to put him in place. One time, the congregation start dealing with this man. **It is not the place for the congregation to deal with this man.** Something is lacking and it's a lacking of Apostles in the church. I just drew the reference here to show you that if such a thing had happened to a minister or a lay-member that had not been treated in the right way, they would have somewhere to go. They would have somewhere to report. Beloved some of these things are reports, but I am too far away. I am down in the West and they are way off in the East.

Now, because the people missed the Holy Ghost system that God has set up in the church, these questions are arising from assemblies and the sheep of God that are suffering. "What to do with this fellow?" Beloved, the congregation in themselves has the power to put this man away from among them or to let him continue in his immorality to preach to them. Alright, how to handle this situation is try to get a minister, go through this problem with the man, bring all your proofs, prove that this man is a filthy man living in adultery, fornication or whatever and then let that minister know that we want to have a vote in the church, whether the church wants this man to continue as a pastor or not. If the majority votes that he should not continue as an immoral pastor over them then he is put down.

Some of these fellows are so smart, that they tie down the church in their names, the building in their names, the land, the organ, the piano, the chairs, the benches, and the registration of the church with the government. Now when you vote him out, you have to leave. So now that's the suffering of the sheep, but for truth sake, leave him there with everything, worship under a tree or worship under a tent. That's the only way that you would save your soul, but don't let that hireling hold you by any political power, money power, building power, bench power or tambourine power. Leave the church, walk out and worship under a tree, "...we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God". (Acts 14:22).

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**Question#157:**

**Heretical Article No. 136:**

"If a pastor preaches heresies, does the church has a right to terminate his office or should believers leave the church?"

**Answer:** Again, arising out of the disorder of the Five-Fold ministry, these questions come from the East to the West. You could see the great disarray amongst the followers of the message. You could see the great confusion, that people who are sincere don't know what to do, ministers don't know what to do, deacons don't know what to do and people that love God don't know what to do. **Now you as the congregation alone cannot terminate his office.** You need the support of some other minister. Then together with that, you need the support of the deacons in the church. Then you need the support of the elders in the church whoever they are.

**Anytime the congregation rises up and starts dealing with that minister in themselves alone, they do not have the capacity to do it.** One will say this, the next one will say that, the next one will do this, the next one will pick up a piece of wood, and the next one will bring a gun and say, "Okay, out he goes"; they'll pick him up bodily and throw him on the road, and then he gets the police and throw you in jail. So you'll have disarray, confusion and violence in the House of God. There is an order to do it.

If he is preaching heresy, the first thing you have to find out is what degree of heresies. What you may be calling heresies may not be heresies and you start dealing with the minister. **Only a minister that carries the truth could determine whether these are really heresies enough to get rid of the minister.** Now if the man is preaching "Seven Thunders revealed by Brother Branham", that is heresy. If he is preaching "Blood off the Mercy Seat and Seven Trumpets revealed in Trinidad", then these are heresies. So then that's enough heresies to find a new pastor.

**Now if the man comes up there and he is expressing his opinion and he says: "I think that the remaining time for the Jews is three and one half (3 ½) years and you read in Daniel 70th Week that it is seven (7) years, then that may not be a heresy so big in order to bring up a division in the House of God and Brother Branham said, "Don't split hairs over minor doctrines".**

## **BUT THEY'LL SPLIT HAIRS ON LITTLE BITTY THINGS**

**Quote:** E-28 "And here come somebody along, said, "Jesus is coming on a white cloud."... All right, we'll just separate. I'll get me a group, and you get you a group." There you are. **What difference does it make?** He's coming anyhow. And it don't matter how He's coming, the thing of it is, are you ready to go with Him when He comes? That's the main thing... **But they'll split hairs on little bitty things and form another organization.**" (Rejected King 60-0610).

So there might be certain little things that arise in the House of God and then some ambitious person in the congregation who is looking for that opportunity to get rid of the pastor in order for him to take over. So **we have to look out for ambitious spirits in the congregation. Motives and objectives are very much to be considered here of what the congregation is trying to do.** They could say that he is preaching heresies, but what are the degrees of those heresies. It just might be a difference of opinion on one or two little minor things, and if this man is actually preaching heresies and you try to get another minister to come and correct that, you as a handful of people may not have the authority or the support of the rest of the congregation because they understand in a certain light. They all understand in a certain way and they would make you a fool. **So first you have to determine whether those are heresies or not, and the degree of those heresies, and if you know for sure that those are heresies,** the best advice I could give you is to find all our ten books on Exposition of Damnable Heresies and **measure what you are hearing in that church by the heretical expositions we sent out, because they are all based on the Word of God and the Message of the Hour, and if they are contrary to the things that are taught in those books, its' time to separate.** If you cannot change that church, then get out of it.

Now if you belong to the Catholic Church, don't try to change the Pope. Don't try to change all those Catholic Churches. They are a great power to reckon with. If you belong to the Pentecostal Church, you are not able to move it. If you belong to the New York Thunders, it's not easy to move that heretic. So you have to **know as a small fish, what kind of waters to swim in.** Get away from waters where those big sharks are swimming and run for your life. Don't try to interfere with things that are too big for you. It swallows you up. If you think that they are preaching heresies, get away from that minister and get away from that church.

## **A NAZARITE WHEN HE SEPARATES FROM ANYTHING CONTRARY TO THE WORD**

**Quote:** 59 "But when a man is borned in the world for a believer, he **becomes a Nazarite when he separates himself from anything that's contrary to the Word:** a total separation. Jesus said, "I come to separate a man from his wife, tear up a family. And he that won't take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy to be called Mine." A **separation from everything, anything: from church,** from a community, **from a belief,** or from family, or anything that would stand between you and believing the entire Word of God. If your soul will not punctuate every promise for

*this hour with an "amen," there's something wrong somewhere. You need a separation." (Total Separation From Unbelief 64-0121).*

**It's total separation from all unbelief**, the Prophet of God preached, but first determine whether it's heresy or not, and I highly recommend that you judge all heresies by the message and by the Bible and most of all, the Exposition of Damnable Heresies.

Now I just want to include something here. I said that **all these questions are coming up**, of how to handle all these pastors and ministers **because the people lack Apostles and the five-fold Ministry set in order and they are ignorant of how the early apostolic system was set up**. That is very simple; it's right through the Bible. Now, Brother Branham here on these quotations is going to make it very plain how the Holy Ghost system was set up in the New Testament, that when problem arose, how they handled those things:

#### **PAUL, POLYCARP, IRENAEUS, MARTIN**

**Quote: 749-26 "Paul established churches in different parts of the country. Each one of these churches, he left someone who was in order, a man that was trustworthy, a man that was known as a pastor, shepherd, or a... Then after he--this church then, become... other little churches come out of it. Young men and old men raised up and become churches out of that. The man that was over the first church was called the bishop. And then his, that went out from him, his children, was called shepherds or pastors. And then this group of little churches all would come back to this bishop. Like in the time of Irenaeus, he carried on the same thing. Martin carried on the same thing. Polycarp carried on the same thing. Right on down through the age they had that. And then the apostle of the church, the apostle, that was Paul... And when Paul left, John took over the church. And when John left, Polycarp taken it over. When Polycarp left, Irenaeus taken it over, and on down, Martin and--and so forth. Just kept on going until the Roman Catholic church broke the whole thing to pieces and burned them and scattered them, and the palmerworm eat this, and the cankerworm eat that, and so forth eat that, and eat that, until it brought it plumb down to a stalk." (Taking Sides With Jesus 62-0601).**

Is that what I have been teaching you? [Congregation says, "Amen!"] This is the Holy Ghost system throughout the New Testament? Brother Branham is confirming this. I guess that everybody should understand that the Holy Ghost system was a very simple one, that Brother **Paul went out and formed churches. When he did, he found elders and pastors and shepherds and ordained them over these congregations, then Paul, who was an Apostle and who led those people to the message of the hour, was the Bishop of the whole thing**. If they had a problem, they reported it to Brother Paul. That is the system of the New Testament. Corinthians, Thessalonians and all the other books in the New Testament were written because of problems arising in the churches.

*Now if we would notice that way over in the third book of John where one fellow was usurping authority that he should not usurp, Brother John said, "I wrote unto the*

*church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, **prating against us with malicious words**: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church." (III John 1:9-10).*

Now that was an Apostle speaking with authority that that minister is misbehaving himself down there and he "love the pre-eminence among the brethren". In other words, he built a kingdom of his own, he put up a fence of his own, walls of Babylon, and he was "lord over God's heritage", taking the preeminence. He said, "I sent certain ones down there to help take care of the church and he would not receive them". He said, "... and when a member of the church rose up and takes in my Ambassador he throws them out of the church; he is a Lord". He said, "I myself would come and when I come down there I would remember his deeds prating against me with malicious words.

The only way that Brother John could have done that was the congregation themselves recognize that authority that John had. So although that pastor was taking care of the church, the people had a certain confidence, a certain trust and they recognized the authority of the Apostle, that when he reach down there, pastor or no pastor, they recognize that authority and they awaited the decision of Brother John. Now, do you see how the Holy Ghost system was set up? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*]

When Paul wrote that letter in 1Corinthians: 5 to the church there, do you see the elders bowed, the deacons bowed and all the ministers bowed.

*"It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, to deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." (1 Corinthians 5:1-5).*

They said, "Man, we tried to get away with this because we had known the fellow a long time. Oh, he is such a wonderful brother, he smiles so lovely, he supports the church with so much of his tithes and everything like that. He said, but brother, the Bishop has spoken. We have no other choice. The matter came to the ears of the Bishop; come here, stand up before the pulpit, repent for this thing, we don't want to get in trouble with Brother Paul"; and they straightened him out. They brought him there and said, "Now Lord, we cast this man into the hands of Satan for the destruction of the flesh that his spirit may be saved on the Day of the Lord". Immediately, they removed him from under the Blood of Jesus Christ; demons took a hold of that man, and after he got enough he came back crawling and said, "I want to repent brothers and sisters. I am going to give back my father his wife". That's a nasty think to do. He gave back his father his wife and now he came with a veiled face, sat down in the House of God, hardly had any strength to smile and sat down

on the back seat. Brother Paul had to intervene again and said: "I also heard the report down here that such a man, nobody fellowships with him". He said, "fellowship with him and encourage him in the Lord lest he be swallowed up with much sorrow", and he restored the fellow and he started to function in the House of God.

*"Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. So that contrariwise **ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him.**" (II Corinthians 2: 6-8).*

You see brethren, people could do wrong things, but the Lord is full of mercy, and through the wisdom of God, through the Apostles and through the minister, he restores you right back into the fold. That don't mean to say that your reproach would be wiped away.

Let me quote a little bit again of the system of the church and show you that because the Catholic Church destroyed this system at Nicea Council, the church never came back to that and **the Lord is trying to restore that same system.**

#### **W.M.B. GENERAL OVERSEER OF THE CHURCH**

**Quote:** 354-9 *"And we're building now, and we wish to place this church. **And as the general overseer of the church, I must see that it's kept Scripturally, everything right on the Word.**" (Placing Of Deacons 58-0720e).*

Brother Branham was the general overseer. You have overseers and general overseers. Brother Paul called all those pastors and elders in the Book of Acts 20, overseers, but Brother Paul was the general overseer. Overseers just means that you have the oversight. *"And from Miletus he **sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church...** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the **Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.**" (Acts 20:17, 28).*

#### **PAUL - THE GENERAL OVERSEER LEAVING HIS BISHOPRICK WITH TIMOTHY**

**Quote:** 754-47 *"Here come Agabus the prophet, walking down, looked across the street, and never seen **Paul** before, **the general overseer of this whole group of churches throughout Asia...**He was tired; he was finished, and he was going on and **leaving his bishoprick with Timothy.**" (Taking Sides With Jesus 62-0601).*

#### **HOLY GHOST MADE ME GENERAL OVERSEER TO GIVE ADVISE, CORRECT**

**Quote:** 27 *"Now, there is a group of offices of our church, deacons, trustees, Sunday school superintendent, pastor, as our church is set in order. And you the people*

*elected these officers and this pastor. **I'm just general overseer to see it goes on right, and to give advice and so forth.**" (Total Deliverance 59-0712).*

**Quote:** 9 *"It could not be settled by the trustees. And then **they asked me, as the general overseer**, to come and ask the church." (Key To The Door 62-1007).*

*Quote:* 876-20 **" I had to come to Brother Neville about with a word from the Lord to correct him on something that he was doing...The Holy Ghost has made me an overseer of the flock, then it's my duty to tell you the truth. And I'm very grateful to Brother Neville; he heeded to the truth. I can only say It as He tells me."** (Church Order 63-1226).

So now, do you see right there the system that Brother Branham was trying to restore in the House of God? But the people never did catch on. Brother Branham himself said that he was the overseer. He was the head bishop. Yes, he was the prophet, and he went on like that.

So the shepherds have their mistakes, deacons have their mistakes and everybody has their mistakes. Remember, that there are different degrees of mistakes. I don't call adultery, fornication and running around with the young girls, mistakes! That's premeditated murder! Yes, that's a hireling! Certain sins and certain mistakes that they call a mistake that a man makes, my brother, is a reflection of if he's born again or not.

#### **TAPE OF BROTHER BRANHAM THE BISHOP OR OVERSEER**

**Quote:** 883-55 *"And if they question it, **bring them to this tape and say, "This is what the bishop or the overseer of the church..."** Which is bishop (See?) any overseer. See? That's what it's called in the Bible, "bishopruck," (See?), so that's general overseer of the church. Let... **"This is the orders and the way our church does it."** (Church Order 63-1226)*

**Quote:** 44-4 *"**I'm saying this to only my own followers... I'm only speaking here in Jeffersonville, the only place that I'd speak this at, is because it's my own flock. It's the flock that the Holy Ghost give me to understand, to be overseer over.**" (Marriage And Divorce 65-0221m).*

If you miss these quotations, then go right back to the system of the New Testament to see how the churches were set up, and when problems arose in the House of God, what they done. They had somewhere to go. They had somebody to talk to; and Brother Branham was trying to set up the same system. He said, "When problems start here, I am the advisor". Yes. He said, "You come to me; listen to me". Do you see the running of this church?

Alright, now that's the Holy Ghost system which the church was set up with in apostolic time. That is what Brother Branham tried to restore and I'll have you to know friends, **he was never successful in restoring that order, because the people were a carnal bunch of people.** Yes, carnal to the core. And that was manifested after Brother Branham's death, where they formed assemblies and they set up their fences and built their kingdoms. So now that is the war that is going on

from one kingdom to the next. Kingdoms shall rise against kingdoms. Yes, in the natural realm and spiritual realm.

These questions are a clear reflection that the five-fold ministry is in disarray, and the pastor who has the power over the money, power over the church, power over this, power over that, built a kingdom. Out of these kingdoms are now coming forth these questions, and they are asking a stranger way down in the West, "How to tackle him?" "We are in bitter bondage under pharaoh." **The hour of your deliverance will come.** For the Lord said, "I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt." (Acts 7:34). Your hour of deliverance will come. Yes my friends.

### **"HELP US, DELIVER US, THIS IS A HOUSE OF HELL"**

**Quote:** 24 *"And she said, "Brother Branham, deliver us from this." Said, "This is a house of hell... and like a great big cellar, or big walls, down beneath a great big cave, and great iron bars, eight or ten inches thick. And people, out of their mind, twisted arms and legs, beating their head like that. And she was crying, saying, "Deliver the people, Brother Branham." Said, "Help us; we're in trouble."... And there stood the Lord Jesus with the lights of rainbow around Him. He said, "Deliver those people." And He went away... So I said, "House of hell, give away to the Name of Jesus Christ." And all the creaking and popping, and the rocks a-rolling, and bars a-falling; and people running, screaming, "Delivered!" and screaming at the top of their voice, and was all delivered." (Works is faith expressed 65-1126).*

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**Question#158:**

**Heretical Article No. 137:**

"If a pastor aborted his wife, is he fit to continue in his office? What should the church do in such a case?"

**Answer:**"Pastor allows his wife to have an abortion. Preacher, down in the west there, what to do with him?" Alright, under what conditions did the pastor abort his wife? In certain countries you are allowed to have one child or two children, and if your wife gets pregnant, by law they command you to abort it. If your wife becomes pregnant after having that one child or two children, you are commanded by law to abort that child. You think of a man having a third child with a woman, and here she's pregnant for three months and is hiding that, and the law comes to find out and says, "You've got to abort the child" Was this pastor caught under the law? Or did he allow his wife to abort this child under medical conditions? And did it come out to the congregation that the pastor's wife aborted a child, and you don't know the facts behind it, but there is a medical reason behind it? And that medical reason could be that this child that she is going to bring forth endangers the woman's life, and in the doctor's discretion, they advised that this wife should abort this child right away or she would die.

Another case could be that this woman is going to fall violently sick, and she could have a nervous breakdown if she would bring forth this child. Now right in our midst my brothers and sisters, you don't know that. But they come right to the shepherd and say 'Brother Bruce, the doctors advised me to abort this child or it will kill me. What do I do?' **As a man of God, I cannot tell you to go and abort a child because I don't have any medical proof.** No. I don't know about medical things. **The best advice I could give you, is, 'get a second opinion', because some of these doctors are working with the Government, to control birth and population in many countries.** As a result of that, after you have one or two children they recommend to "tie-off your tubes", and they lie to you. They say that you can't make a third one; you can't have a next one. Lies! Then they work with the Government to give you birth control. They say, "Lady, you need a rest for a few years. You should not have a next child". Under these conditions, if the law could force this pastor, he doesn't want to go to jail and he doesn't want to send his wife to prison, he may submit. Imagine the treatment they will give that woman in that prison if she goes there because of an unlawful pregnancy.

Beloved, **instead of controlling pregnancy they need to control fornication and adultery. Yes! That is one of the biggest problems,** and they don't say anything about that. They talk about finding married people who want to legally bring forth their children and put these kinds of law to bind them. You know how many bastards are born at this very moment that I am preaching? Children out of wedlock? And the Government doesn't have a law in the land to lock up the adulterers and fornicators? Then they condemn the Muslims, in the East there, when they want to enforce the Law of Moses for adultery and fornication? I stand with the Muslim under those grounds. The Bible says to stone an adulterer, stone a fornicator, stone a homosexual and a lesbian. And that is what the Muslims are fulfilling. Yes. **But this western culture, brother, is filthy and nasty to the core.** That is why the Eastern people hate the western people. And America is the leading one in all those things. Her day is coming.

**So, a pastor could fall into such a category of the law. He could have allowed his wife to do that under medical conditions, and it slips out into the congregation. I figure that if something like that is being done by a believer or a minister it should be kept in the strictest confidence because that could go out into the congregation or even out of the congregation with a different meaning.**

That is why when you get an advice from the ministry, you don't go broadcasting that through the congregation. People get the wrong understanding, and they think that if Tom could do it, Harry could do it also. What advice is given to you, is for you. The other person has got to come and get their advice. And I will draw this little illustration here; many questions came to Brother Branham: "Can we use birth control?" And brother Branham said, "I would not answer this question publicly. If I do that everybody will think that they have the rights. See me in my office." He said, "When you come to the office I could know if you are lying or not." Because you have liars that will come to the minister to get the permission to use birth control, and to go and abort a baby, and you've got to watch for these kinds of lying spirits.

## COME TO ME PERSONALLY ON THEM THINGS; ON PRIVATE INTERVIEW

**Quote:** 1111-Q-359 *"How do you feel about birth control?"*

*I had some of that on the interviews this morning. I'd rather talk personally with you on those things (See?)... Now, there's sometimes a child would kill a woman; if she had a baby it'd kill her. You want to watch that too. See? So just be real careful about that. See? See, that's bringing life, so what you're put here on the earth to do. If your wife is sickly, and another child would kill her, I wouldn't do it. I don't think the Lord wants you to do it. And you come to me personally on them things; have it on private interview. Let me talk to you personally (You see?) ... I can tell whether they're lying to me or not. See? They tell me different things. I'd rather see you just... See? 'Cause you put it out like this, you don't know. It's 'cause there's an individual and things like that; I can tell it, whether they're telling the truth or not. See?" (Questions And Answers 64-0830m).*

So a minister must learn not to sanction such things without proper investigations. Yes! A woman just doesn't want to have that next child and comes to the minister and says, "You know, this doctor told me that I got to get rid of it". "Alright, bring a letter from him, maybe that will help me. Alright, let me see the letter. Get a second opinion; let the next doctor say so too." Yes! Then the minister don't implicate himself before the Lord, otherwise he can be a partaker of these evil deeds. **If the pastor allowed his wife to abort the baby because he don't want any more, then he is a sinner before Almighty God.** It's a terrible thing. Then he is unfit to stand behind the pulpit as a pastor. That will set the example for all the women in the congregation, if you leave that man behind the pulpit. Oh yes! So under those conditions you've got to go through the regular process: Get the help of a minister in the matter, prove the case and let the congregation judge whether they want this pastor over them.

Now I will mention this here on the Hebrew book, Brother Branham said if you catch your pastor drunk, drinking, this is the way to handle him. Bring the minister who is handling this matter and ask that pastor or elder to stay home that night. This is scriptural order. Then the matter is brought before the church. If the majority votes that they don't want him, he goes, and if the majority votes to forgive him for drinking, then he continues to be pastor.

## MOVING THE PASTOR-COME ASK ME, NOT A DEACON

**Quote:** 338-283 *"And if something or another comes by like moving the pastor, and they want to take a vote on that, you couldn't ask a deacon to do that; you'd come ask me. I'd come down, and say, "If you want to move the pastor, tell me why. Has he done anything?" "Yes, we caught him drunk, or we caught him doing this, or doing something that wasn't right." "Have you got three witness of it?" "Yes, we have." Them witness must first be tried, "Don't receive an accusation against an elder 'less it be by two or three witness, and let them first be proved: against an elder." Then you have to swear to it, that you saw it, and prove it, that you saw it. And then, if you did, then that sin's rebuked openly, that it's wrong. Then I'd say, "Congregation, do you want to change your pastor?" And if the congregation*

**votes, "Forgive him, and let him go on yet," that's the way it has to stand. See?" (Hebrews Chapter.7.Pt.2.Church.Order 57-0922).**

**Now that's a different category of sin.** The man probably was frustrated, something happened; he went and took a couple drinks. The man really made a mistake; he did not mean to do that. He got angry and put a slap on his wife's face trying to bring her in subjection. There are different degrees of sin. He might get so angry, that he takes a piece of wood and hit his married son over his back. I don't know if I have enough patience for that. The Prophet said, "If the congregation votes for him to continue after they find him drunk, all well and good; that's what the congregation wants". Yes! But in my book, he sits down until I know that rum drinking spirit leaves the man. Yes! I would advise the congregation that way and then let them vote what Brother Branham said. But I would stand right before the congregation and say, "He has a rum drinking spirit, and not only that, but when he drank he was cussing, and dropped his pants too; he is a disgrace. If you want him to preach a message after this, all well and good. You want to vote for that or you want to vote for him to sit down on a probation period for about six months, all well and good". **I think everyone will go for that. So you can't work to rule with certain things; you have to treat every case differently.**

## **CORRECTION OF SIN AND RECONCILIATION**

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**Question#159:** "Should the Pastor alone give a final decision in all church matters or do other officers have a place to advise; and also, how should sins be corrected and reconciliation be made?"

Again, this is arising out of a lack of knowledge of the Holy Ghost system, how the church should function. Alright, "Does the pastor alone have the right to make a final decision?" **In certain cases, yes! As long as it is within his capacity, knowledge and understanding.** As long as he could handle that in the Word of God and the message of the hour, fine let him go on. He is not under obligation to discuss that with the deacon, though he has the liberty to do that. He is not obligated to discuss that with other ministers in the congregation. That's his decision and it's final. **If the arising matters are too hard for him to handle, he don't know what the Word and the message say about it, he never faced such a problem before, then he must have somewhere to go.** Again, I'm saying that this is reflecting that the five-fold ministry is in disarray. Brother Branham said, "I'm only to advise here". He was the adviser in the days of the Branham tabernacle. Things that were too hard they consulted Brother Branham and he came there and said, thus and thus, and this is the way to handle it. **Now, the idea behind all of this is the ministry working in harmony. No popes, cardinals, bishops and political power over one another. It's a matter of harmony of offices and the ministry working together for the kingdom of God. No big ones and little ones.**

If you notice how Brother Branham used to speak. He would say that Brother Neville is the pastor, he is the head of this church, whatever he wants to do, whatever

decisions, that's up to him and the congregation, I have nothing to do with it. But yet Brother Branham looking through the Word of God, he advised. You see, it works in harmony, not trying to take away the next fellow's position. Alright!

There are three major ways that a pastor should employ for correction of sins in the House of God: Open rebukes, private corrections and general correction of sins.

**Correction of sins-open rebuke:** There are certain cases in the house of God that merit open correction. If it is not openly corrected, it will destroy the church, it will destroy the character of the pastor! Others in the congregation will take it for granted that they can do those sins, and the ministry does nothing about it! You are sowing a seed! If you do not put a stop to that privately, secretly, or openly you are sowing a seed as a minister in allowing the congregation to understand that fornication and adultery, thieving and lying are condoned by the minister and he does not say anything! You open up the gate. Just like running your house and little family, if you do not correct that child, the other children are going to do the same thing, and you will hear them say "daddy seen me doing such thing and he never said nothing, he saw when I trimmed a lot of my hair and he said nothing," that sends a message to the other girls in the house and they are going to chop their hair too! So under what **condition that certain things must come to the pulpit?** First of all, is there a scripture for that? *1 Timothy 5:20*, it says, "*They that sin rebuke before all that others may see and fear.*" So that is one of the reasons sins must be rebuked, sin must be rebuked openly in order to correct the church and help the church to understand and think that "I don't want to do that, if I do that they will send me up behind the pulpit, I don't want to ever be involved in that", that is one of the reasons! Under what condition that sin must come behind the pulpit? When you commit sin of any kind, especially of the vices of Sodom and Gomorrah, fornication and adultery, and it is made **know to the public number one , and two, it comes to the knowledge of the church.**

A certain group of the people, half of the church, thirty percent of the church, one hundred percent of the church know that those two people committed fornication. Beloved, there is no other choice than for the minister to address that sin from the pulpit. it will hurt the feelings of parents, it will hurt the feelings of individuals, it will hurt the feelings of brethren, friends and relatives, but then **the pastor is under obligation to come up to the pulpit and speak of that sin openly!** That's the only way it can be corrected. Now when you correct that openly from the pulpit, the news go out to the public that, the church don't joke around with the members. There was a man that committed adultery and the pastor brought him right up. In front of the congregation and he had to confess his sin, then the image of the church gets greater in the eyes of the ungodly man, and they will start saying, "If I have to go to church I will go to a church like that." **When sins spread through the church it must come to the pulpit.** When it stumbles the unsaved, it must come to the pulpit. When it stumbles the believers in the church it must come to the pulpit. When it get out amongst our enemies, it must come to the pulpit; that they can hear the report that, such a person was corrected. Now another reason why it must come to the pulpit, simply, if the pastor don't bring that to the pulpit, he looks as a compromiser in the eyes of the whole church, who is hiding certain ones sins and is exposing the other sins, and that he has a double standard. Thus he ruin's his confidence.

**Correction of sins privately: Alright the second thing is sins that the minister must cover. He is not compelled to cover it, but in his love and in his discretion he feels that he wants to cover it, because it fits certain conditions.**

That means that it was only known to a few people in the house of God and it involves an unsaved person or two unsaved persons, then under consideration of the minister, he loves that person, he don't want to make them a public example just like Joseph did not want to make Mary a public example! So under these conditions he makes investigations, he calls in the party and say "did you do so and so"? With tears of repentance, with regrets, "yes I done such and such, I committed fornication", that person is so broken, so beaten, so battered, so convicted, so remorseful that they cry from beginning to end. They regret what they done, they got almost a nervous breakdown, they cannot forgive themselves! Such parties even think of committing suicide! The person is sorry, they committed fornication, and you just don't hold them and bring them up to the pulpit. Let me tell you something friend, ninety percent of the things that happen in the churches, where I have the oversight, never made it to the pulpit! That is because of a love for people and the **right understanding of correcting sin** in the house of God. Sins fits open rebuke and private rebukes of sins of the people, because of love, since it is only known to a few people in the house of God under certain conditions of sicknesses, mental problems of certain parties. You let this thing be corrected personally. How do you correct that, as a minister? First of all, you got to find out the involvement of sin, it may be adultery, maybe fornication then the party, the offender is instructed to go and correct that with the woman, with the man! If he stole, he has to give back that article or pay for it! Reconciliation, you call that. If there are five people who know that in the house of God, they just repent to those five people! If there are two unsaved people who are involved in it they have to repent to those unsaved people, and above all you must show repentance. Here you have a young woman eighteen years of age, who ran out and live with a married man, disgraced herself, made herself a whore, then after it is done, they want to hang themselves. That is the way that the devil shows people how to solve your problems. I am talking about living cases by the dozens that I dealt with. A suicidal spirit comes around, "kill yourself," and by God's grace I have that discernment I say, "You are thinking of suicide!" Oh yes! Oh yes! "Brother Bruce, I don't want to live again!" "Why?" "I committed adultery with a man. I took some tablets already!" The devil only wants to catch you in a corner and cause you to sin, provoke you to sin, then show you how to take your life and your soul may not be ready for you to die! He is trying to take you to Hell in many instances.

Alright here is this next person, they worry about what they done until they start getting crazy. The doctor ordered them, to the mad house, give them tranquilizers, and such things. Now when you see a young woman commit such sins and she is still boldface, something is wrong! She has no shame, something is wrong! Then it makes me wonder if she had previous experiences! It is natural with a young woman that if she gets defiled to sink her head in shame, but anytime you see a **young woman does that and she is boldface** about it and is against mother, or against father and don't care what you think about that, she has a **whoring spirit!** That same whoring spirit is going to cause her to commit the same act again! That party must beg God to forgive her. Many women did that act before, and their consciences are no more active, they don't feel guilty of sin.

I had to deal with mental cases. They brought young girls to me in many places, who want to commit suicide, went and took tablets, parents don't know what to do with them. I say "leave the office and go out" to the person. I said, "Something is wrong; tell me what is wrong, you did something wrong?" "Yes, Brother Bruce. Don't tell my mother, don't tell my father. Brother Bruce I will tell you what, I lived with an unsaved man, a married man. I don't know if I am pregnant, I can't bear the shame!" Now do you see the troubles young people, that you could get into? When things happen in the house of God it is for your knowledge, for you learning, for you to make a **vow that, that would never happen to you**. You see how much trouble it caused that young lady, that young man and the shame it brought on other parents. You don't want that! **That is why sins are rebuked openly, not because the minister hate you**. It is in order to save the reputation of the church, in order to get you to repent, in order to save the unsaved man soul, in order to save the brethren from falling away.

A person must never become a slave to their own passions and desires. **If you do not control your passions and allow your passions to control you, it will take you to Hell!** That is the thing that caused the fall in the garden of Eden. God gave enough power to Adam and Eve to control their passions. But, they succumbed to it like dogs!

My friend, when you **so shamelessly allow your desire to control you, you are a disgrace to Christianity. And let me warn you here, sin is very easy to commit but there are certain things you can do in this life that your reproach is never wiped away. It leaves a scar.**

**Sins in the home circle. Such sins are only known to the parents and maybe another**, a neighbour, or a brother in the church **such sins do not come to the pulpit openly, it can be resolved in a private manner**. A brother might live with a sister, you say does that happen, brother you don't know this flesh. Incest, father live with a daughter, Christians! Yes So-called ones. Then a minister must try to resolve those matters in the family, you let them repent, let them take care of those things if those sins come out later, by they speaking those things, to others they must come to the pulpit. It depends upon how deep it goes into the church. If it comes to the public and it's causing a stink, it means that sins that you covered in that house, they never appreciated it if they just want to broadcast it through the church, they will have to end up behind the pulpit.

**General correction of sins in a general sense, without open rebukes or privately**, if somebody reports a matter. Like Brother Paul said" it is reported to me that there are such and such going on in the church and I partly believe it," and then sins are discerned! Then these sins don't come publicly, but then if the minister thinks that he wants to deal with such a sin in a general form without indicating the party, without calling the parties names that is his right! He maybe preaching about adultery, fornication, abortion, pregnancy, lying and stealing.

Now those are sins generally, and the minister may have suspicion that somebody is committing adultery, a repeated offender. He takes the word of God and brings it to the congregation, and brings that person under conviction that they may come and say, "I am guilty of that. Please help me brother? I fell in sin." You may preach

fornication; a young girl may be committing fornication in school, allowing a boy to do whatever he wants with her. The minister preach as generally in order to bring guilty people under conviction, that they maybe honest enough to come out and say, "Yes I abort my child, I am a thief, I did wrong" or a man stole from the church. For a thief to do such a thing you are a **consciousless hypocrite**, and you will never go in the rapture until you confess that! You say, "I confessed that to God already." That is not good enough! You must confess those things to the church, your pastor! Who could be so evil? That is not a common crime! That is a terrible sin! That is inconsideration to the heights! That's the spirit that carried Judas to Hell, stealing the money from the money bag! That same thief would handle other things! Be afraid for the offering. Now if you have a thieving spirit friend, it is a terrible thing! Now do you know what a thief does in order to hide his spirit? He lies! So a thief is a ring down liar! Lie! Lie right down the line, You are talking about a straight face! When he says "I never done that, I don't know!" Lie! Lie! Now when you could have a thieving spirit and a lying spirit, you are going to Hell! No liars shall tarry in the sight of the Lord, and no liars shall enter the kingdom of God. Repent or perish!

Do you see what I mean brethren? Do you see the terrible spirits, that could get upon people? [Congregation says, "Amen!"] Now, we can come with a thieving spirit from the world and never let go of that spirit and do those things, to show how smart you are, what you could do and not be caught, thieving becomes a game sometimes! You don't actually need the thing, but it is an adventure but it is a spirit upon you! Now some of these things are going to surface when the Token outpouring falls, I am telling you! You commit adultery, you live in fornication, you thief, you think you are a smart person, like Judas. He surfaced just before the Token. **When that Token falls you will be surprised to know how many things people must confess!** They will be ready to speak the truth, they would say, "I am the one who stole, I am the one who committed an abortion." Too late! At that time you got to be ready for the Token otherwise you are going through the tribulation to purge out that spirit like the foolish virgins.

**Correction of sins is for the purpose of repentance, confession and reconciliation to God.** Sins are in different categories, and reconciliation is dealt with in various ways, because certain crimes against the Lord, the church and the individual varies from Adultery, fornication, sexual perversions, incest, rape, theft, violence, murders, and offences of different kinds to each other. Church standards and examples for old and young, must be taken into consideration. Though all manner of sins and blasphemies are forgiven men, except the blasphemy of the Holy Ghost, **if members are allowed to commit certain sins and are allowed to re-enter the congregation by a simple confession, it opens the gate for others to do likewise and expect the same reception.** Therefore each crime must be dealt with by the proper discernment of the motive and objective of the individual. Enough time must be given for such parties to bear fruits of repentance, even as John the Baptist demanded from the Pharisees (Matthew 3). Certain persons, having committed sins, and their motives and objectives are not right, should not be allowed to re-enter the congregation, because of heresies, divisions, strifes contentions, sexually corrupting people in the House of God and other crimes of like nature.

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## Question#160:

## Heretical Article No. 138:

"If a pastor backslides and repents, can he continue in his former position?"

It depends on what you are referring too as "backslide." **There are certain backslidings that proves that the man never did slide forward, never was born again, never had the Holy Spirit, he is a dead hypocrite, dead hireling**, only waiting to catch a little sister in the church, defile some man's wife, collect all the money in the church and defile the little boys through homosexuality. You want to tell me what all these Catholic priests are doing outside there and the courts charging the Catholic church millions of dollars, that is backsliding? No! They are dead hypocrites and hirelings! They never did slide forward. Yes! It depends on what you are calling backsliding.

Now backsliding as far as a Christian is concerned is more like you are out of the Spirit, you're not praying as you should, not fasting as you should, you give yourself too much to work, getting your minds upon the material things, you get angry and say things you did not want to say, you abuse your wife with words, talk in a way to your children that you should not talk to them and miss service for weeks after weeks. That is being backslidden in heart. The Bible said, "*The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways.*" (Proverbs 14:14), walking their own way. It doesn't matter what is going on here they have something more important to do. We are doing the most important thing here this morning; things that result in eternal benefits. Yes!

So there are some backslidings that reflect that the man was never a true shepherd but he was a hireling, he is an adulterer and a fornicator. **As long as he committed those immoral sins, it shows that he was never born again and he is a disgrace to Christianity. Yes! He is a poor example to the flock, and he just can't come back to the church and say, "I want to come back on the pulpit"**. He must fit all those other categories that Brother Branham described, that he went out and made a mistake and drank rum, or he did some other things, and still, that is too much for me friends. For a minister, to say that he backslid and you saw him on a bar stool down the road, drinking puncheon rum, came outside staggering and when you seen him he cuss you off and expects to preach tomorrow? No! I'll drown myself first. I'll jump in a pool of water. **I believe that when a man's heart is circumcised from the things of the world, he cannot return back to those things.** Maybe I'm too strict, but I don't call those things backslidings. No! I feel that **a man should love the Lord enough and have the welfare of the people at heart that even things that are legal for him to do, he just don't do that because he don't want to stumble people.** Like Brother Paul said, "*All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.*" (I Corinthians 10:23). Yes! And a minister lives within those lines. In other words, many things, I have the right to do, but because of the sheep's sake, I won't do it, I refrain myself from doing them. He said, "*Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?*" (I Corinthians 9:5). It was lawful for Paul to marry but in his mind it was not expedient for him to do that because he wanted his attention on the gospel and the gospel alone. Yes! He could have ridden in a chariot in his day, but he chose to walk. In that time being an

evangelist, he could have had a lot of luxuries through collections of the church and different things because the people had so much confidence he said, *"For I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me."* (Galatians 4:15). But in order not to stumble anybody, he was a tent maker by trade (*"And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers."* Acts 18:3), that he could have boasted later about not taking anything from any man. So there are lot of things that are lawful, but then as Christians we ought to make a sacrifice. Yes! It is not expedient; because we are trying to win a soul, we are trying to win one another, and ministers are trying to set an example that they would think ten times before they buy a motor car. They don't want to stumble anybody. Now that is what Brother Paul was talking about.

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**Question#161:**

**Heretical Article No. 139:**

"A pastor from Andhra Pradesh, India, named Mr. Job, said he met you in Trinidad and corresponds with you. He stole my book and he boasted as follows: 'That he is a pastor and a teacher and has visited fourteen countries, he has rapturing faith now taking place'. He has an immoral spirit. What action should be taken against such a minister? I want the answers to these questions since he addresses himself as an international preacher when he is having such type of post of duty. I must know from the message and from the scripture whether he is fit for the post of duty. So it is my humble request to you, please answer the above questions since we are living in one of the most deceptive ages. We don't know who is who and we want to know who are God called servants and who are false, immoral ministers. If his nature and his call for the ministry is not according to the message or scripture we never will count him as a true minister of the Lord. Amen"

**Answer:** Back to St. John the 10th chapter, there are three categories of ministers: "The true shepherd, the hireling, and the wolves". The bible through our Lord Jesus Christ, gave us a measuring rod to measure the shepherd, the hireling and the wolf, so there is no doubt about finding out who is who especially since the opening of the seals, that revealed the antichrist spirit. Here set before us is the conduct of a certain minister. Number one, he claims that he has been in Trinidad, he met me with different ministers and, came to church here. His name is Job. This brother is writing to me and asking if I ever seen him. My beloved brother, **I have not seen his shadow much more for the man and this congregation could bear witness** that Mr. Job, from India never visited here, he never preached here, and they never heard one letter from Mr. Job as an international evangelist, [Congregation says, "Amen!"], and **if he can lie so dry about visiting Trinidad and meeting me, then he also lied about the fourteen countries that he visited. We cannot take one word from such a man.**

It is stated here that he has an immoral spirit, and claims to be a pastor and a teacher. Not only that, but he stole this brother's book from his house, who accommodated him for a couple days. Now, having heard the Word of God as the congregation, do you believe this is a true shepherd or a hireling? How many says 'hireling'? [Congregation says, "Hireling!"] I say, 'hireling' because he has proven

himself to be a liar, a thief and an immoral man, and claims to be an international minister, pastor and teacher and also a message believer and message preacher for four years, then he is none other than a hireling.

"How can you pass judgment upon a man like that?" Even because this is the scripture the Lord gave us here to judge.

*"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." (Matthew 7:15-20).*

Alright, here is a Scripture that is telling me how to know a good tree from a bad tree. It is telling me how to know a hireling and a wolf. This is a wolf that came in sheep's clothing. Part of the sheep's clothing is that "he visited "Bethel", he knows the shepherd, very well and he corresponds with him. He is a pastor, a teacher and an international evangelist". Now that is what he is claiming. He put on sheep's clothing. The wolf is hiding in sheep's clothing and there is a hole for him to put out his hand. So this wolf put his hand through the sheep's clothing and stole the man's book and pulled it into the sheep's clothing. The man never missed the book until the fellow went away. A thief! And then he acted immorally, so he has an evil spirit upon him. *"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many." (Matthew 24:11).* Jesus is telling us how to judge certain preachers.

You see a preacher that is immoral, he is a thief and a liar, you do not have to ask who he is. Beloved, a believer who wants eternal life will be more sincere than that, much more for a man to climb up to the sacred desk, go to a home, steal a book, and lies to man and God. I believe, according to this question, "How should the followers of the message deal with such a man?", that this man needs the highest exposition to all the people in the message, because he is a hireling going around from preacher to preacher, house to house, church to church, and if this man has these spirits upon him, he could go into a house and subvert that whole house, he could go in there and defile young ladies and men's wives; he could go in there and steal their money and if you catch him he might have a murderous spirit and put a bullet in your neck too. So here we have a good example of a hireling this morning and how he operates.

Some hirelings are a little more cunning; they beg you for money over the radios and televisions. And some not satisfied with tithes and offering ask you for a pastor's love offering, a pastor's wife love offering and all kinds of names they call them. A long list. I don't know how those poor people live who belong to those churches. Then they preach a blessing plan to them: "Give the preacher all that you have and the Lord is going to make you a millionaire. Now so-called Pentecost is built on that conception: "Give and it shall be given to you". So many people belong to church in order to get rich, and they want a blessing but they don't want the Word. They are not looking for salvation. When you tell them about baptism in Jesus Christ Name (Acts 2:38), they spit in your face. When you tell them about God sent a prophet

(Malachi 4: 5-6), one God (St. John 4: 24), they spit in your face. You tell them that a woman shouldn't preach (1 Timothy 2:11-12), they throw you out of the church. Do you know why? Because most Pentecostals are after the "blessing plan". And if you meet a so-called Pentecostal, you will notice that from the time he starts talking to you, he will talk about the blessings he received since he went to church, how he has a motor car, how his children are in university, and to look at his big house, and how he never had nothing before in ten years, and he start preaching to you a "blessing plan". They forgot that Jesus rode on a borrowed donkey. They forget that Jesus said, *"The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head."* (Matthew 8:20). Yes! He was poorer than the birds and the foxes. He had less than a bicycle to ride around; he borrowed a donkey. But these preachers have three, four, five and ten motor cars. Don't talk about suits and ties. They have ten wardrobes full. It shows that they are hirelings. A hireling goes after the hire.

So, let me get this fellow's name for proper exposition. **HIS NAME IS PRASHANT JOB. HIS HOUSE NUMBER IS 19110 ANDHRA PRADESH.** This is placed right on the book. It is going to pick up Mr. Job and expose him to the followers of the message. Through this question, it gave us a good example of a hireling, and how he operates. And there are millions of hirelings, coming straight down from the pope and his cardinals and through so-called Pentecost and have also **crept under the message.** The Bible said, *"For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness."* (Jude 1:4).

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## PASTORS, WIVES, CHILDREN AND VISITATION TO SISTERS

**Question#162:**

**Heretical Article No. 140:**

"A pastor tried to have a young preacher take his daughter's hand in marriage; he left the church. Should the pastor do that?"

: **No!** Now a lot of things are going on there. **The gift of God and the office that God gives to a preacher or anybody is not for commercial gains.** Preachers should not preach for money, they should not preach in order to gain houses, lands, lots and bring a rich man under conviction, that he will give them half of his wealth. **No! The gift of God that the Lord puts into a pastor's bosom or any minister's bosom, when he gains influence over the minds of people and his congregation, he must not use that influence for selfish gains for himself, his family or for a friend in the Church of God.** And by that, I mean this: that not because I am the shepherd here, I must use my influence in order to achieve something, gain something or extract something from you in business dealings, that because I am pastor and I hear that you are going to open a business and you come to discuss that with me, I should not have a covetous eye and say, "Well brother, I want to be included in that business". I am using my spiritual influence to edge in your business. Or if I see something that I want from you, I go across and say,

"Brother, I know you really love your pastor, can I have this?" And out of conviction from that brother's heart he says, "Here you are brother, you know I always love you; take it". But in the brother's heart, he don't feel good, but he's trying to honor my office and he is under my influence. And then certain ministers go even further to use their influence, and they will come up in the pulpit and say, "Somebody in here owes God some money". "There is a rich man in here who owes God some money. I figure that it is a hundred thousand dollars". They bring that poor soul under condemnation and they say it in such a way until that person starts feeling that if they don't give that money they will be lost. **That's a hireling that is using his influence for his own selfish gains.**

Now, that attitude is demonstrated: A pastor went over there in India to a brother who preaches and tried to get him to marry his daughter. Now there got to be some kind of real force, and some kind of an unscriptural move that the young man had to leave the church because he refused to marry the pastor's daughter.

Marriages are not made like that. Anytime you make a marriage like that it breaks up. Love must govern a marriage, the will of the Lord must be found; whether you are the pastor's daughter or pastor's son, the will of God must be done. *"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good [thing], and obtaineth favour of the LORD."* (Proverbs 18:22). And not because a pastor has the influence, and he knows that brother believes him, and he is looking for a good husband for his daughter, then he goes over to him and say, "Brother I feel led of the Lord, highly led of the Lord. I was just praying and brother, it just came to me that you will marry my daughter". Now, that's a traitor. That man is a hypocrite to his heart. That is using your influence as a minister for the natural things of life.

**If I want a favour done from you I must not use my pastoral influence. I must meet you on the grounds of natural things.** if I want my house built I cannot come and tell you that I had a dream that ten brethren helped me on my house, or the Lord spoke to me and I just felt led of the Lord to ask ten men to build my house. That is using my office and my influence in a selfish way for selfish gain. Yes! It's deception.

Now, no minister, no deacon or pastor should use their influence to promote their children, in a certain job, marriage, house or land. I must not go across there to a brother who has five acres of land and say, "Brother, I come to you and I am asking you for a lot of land for my son". No, I am using my pastoral influence. If my son is looking for a lot of land and he thinks, that brother could help him, let him go as a natural man to the brother, let them speak as men, let them meet together and him say, "I want a lot of land", to rent or buy etc. and if that is in the brother's heart let him give him that lot. But to use my influence to pick out a boy for my daughter or pick out a girl for my son, I am using my influence as a pastor for my own selfish gain and that is against the will God. Oh Yes.

In all marriages, the will of the Lord must be done. If that pastor had some spirituality about him, he would realize that if the Lord doesn't bind that marriage, a man cannot bind it. The pastor may use his influence and get the marriage going, but what happens to that marriage afterward. It was not on the basis of love and the will of God. It was just a certain influence. **And when you influence somebody into something, it is going to backfire one day. Yes!**

A little sister had her heart upon a certain brother in here, and disclosed that to me. She was hoping greatly that things could work out. I walked into the church one evening and as I was about to sit, the Holy Spirit whispered to me, "That brother is interested in that next sister." I sat down; never thought of that before in my life. I walked right over, a few days after met the little sister and said, "The Lord revealed to me that the brother is interested in that other sister", don't waste your time. You know what that little sister turned around and told me, "Do you know that I had that same feeling come over me, and if I had not known that and you had never told me that, I might have gone staring mad when that brother turned me down". I said, "Obey the Lord". **It pays to obey the Lord and find the will of God.**

I never had that on my mind. I just walked in and about to sit down when, the Holy Spirit brought to my mind, "That brother is going to go after that sister after a little while". I said, to the sister "Watch it carefully and you're going to see that happen". A little while after, they got together. I said, "You see what I told you. Be obedient".

Let me encourage the hearts of my little sisters here and overseas, I had sisters forty years of age who waited on the Lord and I see after forty years, that the Lord sent their husband and they got married and such sisters never defiled themselves. Forty years, and their husbands found them virgins right under my ministry.

Listen to me, you want God's will. You are not looking for a man; you are looking for God's will. The reason you get marry is for peace, love, harmony and happiness in this life. You wait upon the Lord and the Lord is going to send him to you, in the right time, if you seek the kingdom first, he will add all things to you. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33). Same thing for you young men here. You may feel that you may never get a wife brother. Hold on and put your heart on his kingdom first. You just start **seeking the kingdom** and forget the wife. **You don't have to add anything to yourself; it will be added to you.** It will just happen sister, it will just happen brother, it will just happen. The Lord will take care of that.

**So this pastor is out of order. That doesn't mean to say that the pastor cannot go over, if he thinks that there is some kind of connection there between two people, that he cannot go over to them and find out something. That don't mean to say that he cannot ask a question or put forth a presentation. But, he must not use his influence to get that done. I hope you get the middle line. [Congregation says, "Amen!"] All marriage must be done by the will of God.**

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**Question#163:**

**Heretical Article No. 141:**

"If a pastor or other ministers' family are not in the faith, should they continue to preach the Gospel or step down? What about his children marrying to unsaved partners?"

**Answer:** You see, these are questions that are troubling people around the world. We are well established in these minor doctrines, but it means something to somebody somewhere. Alright, **to begin with he should not be behind the pulpit,**

**because 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 gave a clear description of the qualification of a minister, that his wife should be in the faith, his children should be in the faith and he should rule his house well, and also the deacons and the elders.**

His family is not in the faith. "Should he step down or should he continue to preach?" It started wrong to begin with; maybe because of ignorance, and now the family start surfacing and giving some more trouble, then this question arises, "Should he continue to preach?"

**I am saying that he shouldn't even begin to preach. So whoever ordained him, whoever put him up there and started him off in a church, they need to be corrected. You ought to follow the guidelines of the scripture concerning the qualifications of a minister before you ask him to use the pulpit or ordain him.** There are certain preachers who never started in a church. They came out of jail they finished smoking marijuana cut out their Rasta hair and took up a Bible and started evangelizing. Well **if you're referring to such a man, of course, he is not fit for the pulpit, and whether he should step down or not, there isn't any question about it. He don't belong on the pulpit. So, it's not stepping down; it's getting off the pulpit. He started wrong and he is going to end up wrong.**

"What about a pastor's children marrying unsaved people?" I would imagine here that this is a pastor that is functioning; not necessarily this fellow that was not ordained or whatever; and his children married unsaved partners. Now you could go many ways with that. I could have a son as a pastor. He is of age, he walks outside, got married to an unsaved woman and then leaves the church and go out there and is living his life. Now if he belongs to this church, from the time he does that he no longer belongs to this church; he don't belong here again. I as the pastor have taken my stand. If my daughter goes out and gets married to an unsaved man, I take my stand. What is my stand? "Dismissed from the House of God." "Brother Bruce, your own daughter?" **You see now, this is not my own gospel. If this was my own gospel I could have added the clauses to suit my family, but this is not my own gospel. This is the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.** So she goes out until she could correct her life. That's it. That's how the gospel is preached.

**Now this pastor here, is he a compromiser with his children? Did he encourage them into these unsaved marriages? Did he perform these marriages and after it is done he has them in the congregation? Then he is a big hypocrite, he is a compromiser and he is looking over his own welfare and the welfare of his family more than the welfare of the church of God.** It is stated, *"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." (II Corinthians 6:14).* That's what the Bible said. No mixed marriages, both Old Testament and New Testament.

## **ISRAEL WAS TO MARRY ISRAELITES. THEY WASN'T TO MIX MARRIAGE**

**Quote: E-18 "Israel was supposed to marry Israelites. They wasn't supposed to mix marriage. You know that's right. And you're not supposed to do it today either, yoke unbelievers with believers. That's against the law of God, against the Bible." (Painted Face Jezebel 56-1005).**

## **NO BELIEVER SHOULD EVER MARRY AN UNBELIEVER**

**Quote:** 5 *"And then in his wedding, instead of marrying among his own people, he went over and married a sinner, an idolater, worship of idols. He married Jezebel. And she was not a believer. **And no believer should ever marry an unbeliever, under no circumstances: should always marry believers.**"* (Be Certain Of God 59-0125).

There should not be a Christian marrying an ungodly person. That is standard from the Old Testament to the New Testament. And any minister that compromises with that and allows his children to do that and sit in the House Of God, he's not fit to be behind the pulpit; and this is very predominant in the message. They allow them to go and marry outside, and when they marry outside, they come back and the minister himself performs a blessing upon them. You talk about hypocrisy. So you're double wrong. You encourage that and you bless something that you don't supposed to bless. You're deadly wrong. **A minister like that is not fit to be behind the pulpit. Action should be taken against him and you find another pastor that is more sincere to both God and men. So he is wrong in doing that.**

"If his wife is unsaved can he be a preacher?" Absolutely not! According to 1 Timothy, his wife must be in the faith and his children must be in the faith. If he is a compromiser with his children, he is not fit to stand behind the pulpit. If his wife is unsaved and refuses to come to church he cannot be a preacher unless he separates. If he separates for the gospel's sake then that is in a different category.

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### **Question#164:**

### **Heretical Article No. 132:**

"Please explain the order of visiting a home by pastors and elders or any other males in general where a sister or sisters alone are at home? Certain incidents are taking place; young ministers are fearful of immorality."

**Answer:** This is perfectly established here for decades because we have seen the curse that the Pentecostal system has brought upon people by this kind of fellowship and lovey dovey stuff, where brothers and sisters, young people sit in the House of God together, touch one another, right in the church. While preaching is going on they are talking to one another. After the service, this lovey dovey stuff of hugging up a woman, a man's wife, and kissing her. I have never seen such rotten nasty thing in my life. All this kind of kissing business. Even the unsaved pick up that. You as a man meets a woman on the street, she runs right up in your bosom and gives you a greeting kiss. It's disgraceful, it's embarrassing.

I don't know, since when this world got into this tradition of men kissing women all about the place as a greeting. To me this is real Sodom and Gomorrah. And to bring that into the house of God is a crying shame and disgrace. So all this lovey dovey stuff that is brought about by the churches today, of men running up and holding your wife, jamming breast to breast and kissing your wife. Now common decency should tell a human being that it is incorrect. That it's lust.

Then they quote the scripture where the Bible says to greet one another with a holy kiss. You want to call hugging up a woman "a holy kiss"? Throwing your arms around a woman a holy kiss? Check the custom of the Jews and you're going to find out what is a holy kiss. Men hug men in a certain way and kiss them on the back of their necks. That was the holy kiss that Brother Paul was speaking about. It gets you militant to think of the nastiness that goes on in so-called Pentecost.

### **MEN KISSING WOMEN - DON'T YOU DO THAT - SHAKE HANDS**

**Quote:** 671-134 *"Someone told me sometime ago about they'd seen that two or three times at my church here, ... And if you're setting here this morning, I'm going to dig this to you right good. See? Women, young women, coming up and these **men kissing these women. Don't you do that...** You keep away from there. You remember that. If she's young, single, or whatever she is; **she'll be somebody's wife someday.** And you haven't **got no business doing that.** Stay away from her. If you want to greet her, then be a son of God, **shake her hand** and say, "How do you do, sister." And let that settle it right there. See? Stay away from those things; **it's filth.** And it'll soon get you into trouble... Sin is so easy, and it's so appetizing, and so pleasant. It's so easy to fall right into it. The best thing to do is, the very even appearance of it, stay away from it. Get back. Be a real Christian." (Questions & answers COD 61-1015m).*

Now this brother is asking to give the guidelines of visiting a sister in a home or visiting sisters. Young ministers have to go in there and they are afraid for their souls through immorality. Well, putting this in its right order, **a Christian male should never enter a house where a single sister is present, without a companion. The man could be as pure as he wants and the woman could be pure as she wants, but the people who are looking on are evil, and they will put a meaning to that and bring up a shame on that minister and they would bring up a reproach on the young lady, therefore, it should not be done, not only by the minister but even a brother.**

Do you know how much immorality, adultery and fornication those kinds of practices brought about? Plenty. Alright so I believe that the bible said, *"Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity. Honour widows that are widows indeed." (1 Timothy 5:1-3).* If there is a bunch of sisters in there and a minister or brother is going in there with the right motive, the right purpose and he has reasons to go in there, that paints a different picture because you have witnesses there. There might be two or three sisters there. I'm not talking about going in there to fellowship and sit down and put your arms around her and say, "How are you going sister?". That's Pentecostal hogwash! That is what it is. You need to do what you have to do and get out of there. If you like one of them, meet them on other grounds. Don't play tricks to get into the house.

It says here that much incidents are taking place. Well you could imagine the incidents. It's like these so-called Pentecostal incidents that they call mistakes ("fornication and adultery mistakes"). And after they make the "mistakes" they come back behind the pulpit.

Let me put in something here friends. When you take the fire of God as a minister, the devil is going to try to bring you down at all cost, especially if you are called of God. He'll try to bring you down by popularity, getting pride on what you know in the Bible and how long you preached the scriptures. Popularity, money and women. There are three things throughout the whole Bible that bring down any man of God or even a believer: money, women, and popularity. And let me tell you something preachers around the world, where this tape is going to go, if you do not know. **The devil picks out certain women and anoints them with a lustful devil and send them to you as a minister, to bring you down; as certain as Delilah came to Samson; as certain as Jezebel was the downfall of Ahab; and as certain as the pretty Zidonian women were the downfall of the wisest man on earth called Solomon.**

Friends, a minister ought to keep his eyes sharp as a young man and as an old minister too. Not only young but also old. Because **the devil literally brings a demon upon a sister, and that would be her trial. She could be a child of God. She could be innocent. All that she finds is that one day that her eyes are on that certain preacher and she's burning with lust. Brother, it's a demon that got upon the young woman and if you don't watch that, that young woman would throw down a dozen preachers in the House of God, one after the next.**

Friends don't underestimate what I am telling you. **I had these attacks as a young man and by the grace of God I want to tell you that I was never even tempted in my mind to be even attracted.** You are talking about young women could get demon possessed. Children of God, not born again, without the Holy Spirit. That devil gets upon that woman and she starts following that preacher all about in the yard, she wants to come home by him and she says, "I just like to be around him." Why? Ask yourself an honest question. You are attracted to that man! Before you know it friends, he starts feeling a certain connection. It's that demon that is starting to anoint that man, and if you get into a house with a woman that has that kind of spirit, if you don't have something to hold you, you are gone as a young minister. Next thing, the minister invites her to stay a night over with him and his wife. Adultery right in the minister's home.

Let me tell you something. This is personal but I've got to say this to lay some emphasis on this. I was in a Pentecostal prayer meeting and I encountered a beautiful young woman, about eighteen or nineteen years; and that woman was anointed by the devil to destroy me. You know what that filthy wretch done while the prayer meeting was going on at 12 to 1 o'clock in the night? That woman exposed herself in the prayer meeting to me; and then I lifted my head and I noticed her. (Now if a woman makes a mistake she would quickly cover herself and feel embarrassed). She watched me and gave me a big smile and that wretch went outside in the dark hoping for me to come. Oh yes! **Brothers and sisters that never even tempted me. I was just twenty years of age starting to preach the gospel. I kneeled and continued to pray, and said, "No devil isn't going to put me down!"** It was about six months after she turned into a prostitute with other men, taxi men and everything. You are talking about wicked spirits.

Young fellows, listen to me, you have to act like Joseph. You see how that devil got upon that woman there to bring down Joseph?

***"And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. But he refused, and said unto his master's wife...how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her. And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out."*** (Genesis 39: 7-12).

This is the spirit that you have to fight against. You want a wife brother? Marry! You might have a little house somewhere, you might even have to rent. Go get married! It's a terrible age that we are living in! You talk about devils get upon women to bring down the sons of God like in the days of Noah!

*"And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose."* (Genesis 6:1-2).

Pick out a sister brother, and after praying, marry her. Yes! It's a horrible thing to live in this age of Sodom and Gomorrah unless the Lord really, really anoints you. Listen to me young people, for you to live above the Sodom and Gomorrah conditions you've got to live in the Spirit every day. "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." (Galatians 5:16). You've got to be in the Word everyday, you've got to be in prayer everyday, you've got to be fasting in the week, you've got to be calling upon God and you ought to *"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."* (Colossians 3:2). That's the only way that you will keep afloat. Oh yes. Thirty-six years ago, I had to keep afloat by keeping in the Spirit everyday. Yes. I prayed on the side of a bridge 12 o'clock at night and the rain would come down and wet me there and I won't move; "Lord give me power over myself, over my flesh, over my desires." I walked the streets and every time I felt an attraction coming for these half naked women, nobody had to tell me nothing, I realized that I needed to fast and pray. I never had a pastor to tell me go fast and pray. I knew that I needed some fasting and praying. And your hearts must tell you that you are getting in the flesh, you are lusting, and you are speaking things that you don't suppose to speak. When a man cannot fulfil that lust by the right and legal channel, he expresses it through his mouth by speaking loose and sinful things in order to appease his soul, young men, old men also speak in a slack way and get a certain sexual gratification from doing so. I was a young man too; friends, I never let those things fool me. I had a most important mission, and you are part of that mission. I am happy to know you; and happy to know that you have come in through the preaching of the gospel. Thank God, for his grace.

So young ministers overseas be encouraged. Any sister like that may not be responsible for that spirit, but God could give her a trial and use that trial to give the minister or a believer trial. There are many stories that I could go into friends to tell you about the kind of immorality that ministers are responsible for and the kind of things that go on. It'll make your ears tingle.

**Alright, the order of visiting is very simple; don't go in there with the wrong motives and objectives; if there is one sister and you must go in there have a**

company; if there is a bunch of sisters and you are compelled to go there, you can go and make your way out. That's order! You will keep yourself very straight. I never tried to enter a house in all my Christian life with one woman in there even because of the reproach. I never tried to go into a rum shop to get one glass of water to drink even because of the reproach.

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**Question#165:**

**Heretical Article No. 143:**

"How should ministers deal with young women? Should they go to their homes or deal with them at church? Is there any guidance for this? Young ministers want to avoid devil temptations and are fearful."

**Answer::** Honest hearted people. They just came out of Hinduism and from worshipping idols, in India and Africa. They were never exposed to Christianity before. They were accustomed to walking around half naked; that is their culture; they live like that in Africa. They want to know, they were not under a pastor and pastors like you have. It may seem very minor and very small, but they want to know. "Should you deal with the young women inside of the house, in their bedroom, or should you deal with them around the church? Which is the best way? Can you give us some guidance? We want to avoid devil temptations." **First of all ministers, you want to avoid as much as possible dealing with any young woman or even an older woman in her own house.** You know how many a man went there to change a bulb and he changed more than a bulb? You are talking about lustful demons. Friends, **the best thing for ministers to do is to establish a little place around the church or inside of the church, where they deal with the people. That is sound advice.**

I went to certain churches and they had a little office where they had a door, and they wanted to send me in there to interview the people, including women. I said, "Are you going to lock me up inside of there with that lady?" I said, "What do you expect the people to think on the outside?" They said, "Well Brother Bruce we trust you so much." I said, "It's not a matter of your trust or mistrust." They said, "What do we do?" I said, "That door needs a big glass that everybody could see through, then I will go in there. Until you put that glass in there I will leave the door wide open." *"Let all things be done decently and in order." (1 Corinthians 14:40).* To avoid reproaches, you are doing things decently and in order. Not that the sister is immoral, not that the minister is immoral, but the public is watching you.

The best thing is to deal with any female around the church. If you are dealing with them around the church, you don't stand up in the church yard and be talking, laughing and acting like you are courting, for fifteen minutes, half an hour, one hour and everybody passing and observing such conduct, Then she has a problem Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. She might have a bigger problem that she wants you to handle. Now you must handle things the right way. Young ministers should avoid handling certain personal matters of young women. As much as possible, send them to an older minister. Always speak to them on such matters in the presence of their husbands, unmarried women before parents, or the ministers' wives. The effort is to secure himself from temptations of Satan.

There is a certain way you've got to handle things. Ministers, we are established in these things, our sisters are decent sisters, our ministers are decent men here. There is a certain way to stand before a woman to talk to her. Don't you know that woman is a unit of affection? Did you ever sit down and thought, what is motherhood and what that woman really is? She is a unit of affection and lust. The man was made to be attracted to her. She's a ball of attraction. There is not a female animal in all the world, that is as beautiful as a woman.

**Quote: 22-3 "Of all of the species in the world (birds, animals), we find that on the animal life, all besides humans, it's the male that's pretty and not the female." (Choosing Of A Bride 65-0429e).**

She is a ball of attraction and a man was made, even in his own make up in his glands and everything, to be attracted. There is a certain way to stand up even if you are courting. Let me talk to some of you younger people. There is a way to behave around the church, and behave in public around one another. Any kind of lovey dovey stuff, where you start touching one another, and stand up so close; that is embarrassing to big people. Stop the nonsense! This is not Holly Wood; this is the House of God. Don't come right up six inches, one foot and abreast and be talking to a woman, like if you are going to kiss her. What kind of nonsense is that? Sisters, when a man approaches you like that and step too close step back, and if he comes forward ask him for an excuse and leave; he is an untrained Christian. Decency is decency. You have to respect the younger women and even the older women.

Alright, a house is not the right place, unless it is absolutely necessary. **Somebody might be sick, or something happened and you have to go in. Make sure you have a company and do things in decency and in order.** The Bible said, "*Abstain from all appearance of evil.*" (1 Thessalonians 5:22). Alright, and believers have to stop this kind of a lovey dovey stuff. A woman has to reserve her smile; don't you know that? A wife must not bring her teenage kind of behavior after marriage, smiling up with everybody. Don't you know that smile sends a message? We have to learn these things, as Christians. You are conveying the wrong meaning. Yes, know who you are smiling with it may be the serpent. Some wives who don't smile for their husbands, have the biggest smile for a brother and soft spoken. Same with the man, he speaks very nicely with pretty sisters, but when he gets home fixes his face as a wooden judge. Honor your wife that your prayer be not hindered.

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**Question#166:** "We want to be hard-line ministers to lead the young people with their conduct and dressings. Should we call a meeting with children and parents for counselling? We heard your messages on that subject. We appreciate it, because it is absolutely the word and message."

**Answer:**

113-1 "*No true believer is any stronger and spiritually healthy and alive than his knowledge of and adherence to the pure Word of God.*" (Church ages book).

Ministers and believers cannot be any stronger, spiritual, determined and steadfast in standing for the message, without a revelation (*Matthew 16:13-18: "The gates of hell shall not prevail"*). All must be founded upon the rock revelation of the son of man. Many started off with good intentions as firm ministers, but as they continued in the faith and faced oppositions from heretics, hirelings, goats and their own families, they surrendered in battle. Many ministers can appear to be heroes in chastening, correcting and establishing standards of holiness, but they prove to be cowards when it comes home to themselves and their families. Their wives, sons and daughters are not corrected in the same manner when they do wrong.

Several ministers tried hard to adopt message standards, Bethel standards and Holy Ghost standards in the dressing of the women, and met with little opposition, and cowed down like sick kittens when they failed to get the co-operation of their wives and daughters. They allowed the church to continue in their sack dresses, slits, tight clothing and various forms of immoral dressing. Such women are not entitled to the Communion cup, and much-less the pastor, as he is a compromising hypocrite. Such cowards, God cannot use them in this coming revival.

### **GOD TRAINED MEN - THEY DON'T CARE WHAT THE OPPOSITION IS**

**Quote:** 6-5 *"And before we can have this revival, God has to call out and train men (God trained men) to carry this Message. And they don't care what the opposition is. They are willing to go to the fiery furnace in defeat, or to the lion's den, or wherever it may be; they're ready to go, because they've been in the Presence of God and know that He is. Whether it's to victory or defeat, they still stand the same... I believe that right now God is training such men to meet the front line." (God called man 58-1005E).*

The congregation of the saints, both young and old, would not be more spiritual than the pastor. If he is faithful to the Word of God, leads a holy life and has his household-wife and children, in subjection (1 Timothy 3), the people will come under that Holy Ghost inspiration.

Yes, you will do well to expose both parents and children to our teachings (Parents, children pastoral counsel 2002). Such teachings edified, blessed and encouraged many around the world, and I believe that it can do the same for you and the flock of God under your care.

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**Question#167:** "Should a pastor make matches between couples for marriage?"

**Answer:** Yes, to a certain extent. That's his duty. He must give marriage counsel and he is at liberty, if a sister would come and express to him, that she has a certain feeling towards a brother, then he is at liberty to call that brother after a certain time and ask, "Do you have any interest in that sister?" "Well, no brother; I like another girl." Then the minister goes back to that sister and says, "Don't waste your time, he has somebody else," and save her many

pains and many sorrows. And there are the kinds of people whom you may be able to make a recommendation to, and say, "I know you're looking for a sister, I think that sister is a wonderful sister and that other sister is a wonderful sister and that next sister is a wonderful sister. I'm not telling you whom to marry, I'm just making recommendations." That is why I count out three. I might make a recommendation like that. And after that, you go about your business.

So a pastor may make a recommendation, but my policy is not to choose a wife or choose a husband for you, because when they start giving you trouble you are coming back to me, to blame me for giving you the wrong husband and the wrong wife. Yes! I have enough problems to deal with.

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**Question#168:**

**Heretical Article No. 144:**

"Please explain the conduct and character of a minister's or an elder's wife?"

**Answer:**First of all, the conduct and the character of a minister's wife must be the best in the whole congregation and she should not behave as the first lady of the land-the president's wife, and the husband must not behave as lord Hayles, whom everybody have to respect them, honour them, tell them good morning and good night in a social fashion. A pastor's wife is not any better than any other sister in the House of God. Whether you are a minister's wife, deacon's wife or an elder's wife, you are on the same basis like any other sister: a sinner saved by grace; and your husband holding an office should never cause you to be lifted up with pride and lead around the sisters, and all the sisters have to listen to you and your opinion. The Apostle Peter described what is required of a wife.

*"Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even **the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.** For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, **being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord:** whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement." (1 Peter 3:1-6).*

That means, she should not be proud arrogant, and slanderers in the House of God, ("Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things." - {1 Timothy 3:11}). **She should not be inquisitive in her husband's business and she should not be a gossip in the House of God. Her attitude has got to be right; if she has a wrong spirit she would listen to church business from her husband and spread it through the church. Then she would tell it to her best friend, and the best friend would tell it to her best friend, and then the whole church knows everybody's business. The Pastor's wife, will be guilty of**

**causing offences, strifes, confusions and every evil work {James 3}. It results in divisions.**

**A minister, a deacon or elder should not discuss church matters with his wife, especially where people's business are concerned, unless it concerns her directly.** Some of these things are too hard upon a woman's mind. When a minister is able to hear that and go to sleep, she cannot sleep. Certain people cannot hear certain things that shock them and not talk. That's their comfort, to speak it out. Not that they want to be gossipers, but certain people cannot keep certain things. They were not born to keep secrets, and if something bothers them, in order to be relieved from that, they've got to speak out and let it out, while a next man would take that inside and hold that from now until doomsday. He'll walk right around you and say nothing. He would bear his grief and sorrow within. God made up that man like that. So now, ministers should not be discussing the church's business and private matters with their families. It causes confusion, it kills their influence and brings you lack of respect. Yes!

So that woman should be of a meek and a quiet spirit, and I would lay emphasis here, **she should be dressing the right way. It is just normal for the women of the church to look out and see how the pastor's wife is dressing, and how the pastor's daughters are dressing and take it for granted that that is what the pastor will allow. It is just human.**

#### **PASTOR'S WIFE - YOU ARE INFLUENCING SOMEONE**

**Quote:** *50"And then you see one woman, like a minister's wife, or a minister, start doing a certain thing, his whole church will say, "Well, our pastor does it. The pastor's wife does it. Why shouldn't we do this?" See, you are influencing someone, and be sure that you're influencing them right, towards the right road and the things to do that's right." (Influence 63-1114).*

I believe that under these conditions, ministers' wives ought to exaggerate some of their dressing. Yes, do without certain things that are even lawful for her to have. Because **it is just normal that sisters are going to watch and see how the pastor's wife is dressing. If she has a "wrap around", like I saw on some of the photographs from Africa; just a "wrap", and if you are a minister there in Africa, and your wife dresses like that way; that's the pattern that the women will take.** If your wife wears a "see-through" dress, that is what the women will follow. They would take it for granted that is okay. Brother Branham said in many quotations, that you should not follow a pastor's wife like that, under no condition.

#### **PASTOR LET HIS WIFE WEAR SEXY CLOTHES-WOMEN TOOK EXAMPLE**

**Quote:** *"But we begin to creep in and let down the bars. We took the wrong example. The women acted like the pastor's wife. He let her go haywire, cut off her hair, wear any kind of sexy clothes, never rebuked. And the other women say, "If Sister So-and-so can do it, I could too." Don't make that your example.*

God told you what to do; stay with that. Then when you do that, you fail God and you also fail His people... God set you there to be a watchman, and when you see sin creeping in, instead of cutting the thing off, they entice it." (Just one more time Lord 63-0120e).

**Quote:** E-55 "But Marilyn Monroe, or somebody, bobbed off their hair. **And then some preacher's wife did the same thing, and you think you got a right to do it. That don't excuse you from the Word of God.** (Investments 63-0126).

**Quote:** E-56 **Don't pattern yourself after some pastor's wife, or some minister's wife, or evangelist's wife. Pattern yourself after the Bible. Right.** (We Would See Jesus 61-0208).

### **SISSY PASTOR LET HIS CHURCH GET BY WITH SUCH THINGS**

**Quote:** E-84 "A man that'll let his woman get out in the street with clothes on like that, I've got little respects for him being even a man. He's a puppet... **And a pastor will let his church get by with such things as that without blasting the tar out of it from the pulpit, he's a sissy.**" (Marriage of the Lamb 62-0121e).

**Quote:** 84"**If Sister So-and-so can do that, can't you do it too? She's the pastor's wife.**" **I don't care who she is, or who he is. If it's contrary to the Word, don't you listen to it.** Go straight on. (Jehovah.Jireh.Part.3 62-0707).

There are other quotations where Brother Branham said: "**Pastors' wives dress like that... pastors wouldn't tell them about it.**" (Meanest Man I Know 62-0127). "**A minister's wife setting up there with a dress on; it was horrible looking... I blasted it just as hard as I could.**" (Way Of A True Prophet 62-0513m 29-2). "**You let your wife dress like that, and say nothing about it. Well, you puppet. How would you ever make a preacher?**" (Door To The Heart 58-0302).

### **YOU PREACHERS LET YOUR WIFE LEAD YOU AROUND**

**Quote:** E-55 "**And you preachers let your wife lead you around. What a shame...A servant of Christ can't control his own house, how's he going to control the house of God?**" "Well," you say, "Brother Branham, that's just some minor things." All right, let's get the minor things straightened out, then we'll go to something bigger. Then we'll talk about the Holy Ghost, and the things of how to receive Divine gifts."**(Investments 63-0126).**

**Now if you have a preacher's wife or deacon's wife ruling around her husband, that is the kind of people you will produce in the church,** because they are to be examples of the flock. "Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock." (1 Peter 5:3). And if you have that kind of carrying on where a woman is going to boss around the pastor, boss around the deacons and the elders, that's the kind of women you will produce in the church. Not only that; that's the kind of sissified men you would find in the church, because that's the kind of gospel the preacher is going to preach.

## THAT'S THE REASON THE HOUSE OF GOD'S IN THE SHAPE IT'S IN TODAY

**Quote:** E-45 *"How would you ever make a preacher? How would you make a deacon? If you can't control your own house, what are you going to do in the house of God? That's the reason the house of God's in the shape it's in today. (Door.To.The.Heart 58-0302).*

No woman, whether she is deacon's wife or pastor's wife, is called to lead around the sisters in the church at no time, talk doctrine with them, tell them how to rule their husbands, tell them what to do in their homes; but yet, there are women in the House of God that would teach the younger women how to be good wives, keepers at home, the Bible said. So we recognize that. But when a preacher's wife wants to think that she is the first lady of the land because she is pastor's wife or deacon's wife, she is proud, arrogant and don't know her place. The Bible said to have a meek and a quiet spirit.

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**Question#169:**

**Heretical Article No. 145:**

"I am a pastor, my wife is spiritual and she gives me Scriptures to preach; should I listen to her?"

**Answer: NO!!!** That is the answer to that. No brother. If she was spiritual at all she won't do that. So she is really not spiritual. So that is the first thing we have to get to. You have the wrong conception. She is not spiritual. She gave you Scriptures at home to preach on the pulpit. Hear what the Bible says: *"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. (1 Corinthians 14:34-35).*

This Scripture is turned around: "Let her tell her husband at home." If you start listening to her, taking the Scriptures that she wants you to preach, then you are letting her tell you at home. The Bible says, "Let her ask you at home."

Don't you realize that the first time that a woman tried to handle the Word, that she caused the fall in the Garden of Eden and she brought home a scripture for her husband (How nice the fruit is tasting), and when she brought home that Scripture it destroyed him also? **She mishandled the Word and then brought home the Scripture and told her husband and the fall of all humanity came because a man listened to the voice of his wife.** *"And unto Adam he said, because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife..." (Genesis 3:17).* The curse and the fall came for that: *"Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife."* Yes!

**That woman is not supposed to open her mouth and give you one Scripture to preach, whether good or bad. That's not her place, that's a preaching spirit. The next thing is that she will tell you who to preach on.** It will grow, and she will have some contention with somebody in the church and she will bring a "news" to

you and you will preach on that sister, instead telling her to take the scriptural way of going to her first, then with a witness and then bring it to the church. Yes, it will grow brother, and it will stretch out. *"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."* (1 Timothy 2:11-12).

## **WOMEN PREACHERS IN THE MESSAGE**

Amongst the followers of the message, it is fully established that a woman is forbidden from teaching the scriptures. Upon the scriptural grounds, they hold their scriptural places and are afraid to enter the pulpit to: lead songs, introduce preachers, make announcements, read the scriptures and preach the Gospel.

**In recent years, however, some have formulated ways and means by the help of sissified preachers, not born again nor sealed of God, but are mere womanizers, to allow women to exercise this forbidden authority from behind the curtains, by way of voicing their opinions on the message, scriptures, church order, songs and music, by way of literature, books, magazines, Newsletters and their photographs.** This is totally unscriptural and cannot be found in the Gospel message. Peter, Paul nor John never engaged a female in such fashions, neither as their scribes. There are no Epistles in the New Testament written by a woman (acting as a scribe for Brother Paul), introducing him in his Epistles, on the pulpit, or voicing their opinion about his message in any fashion. It is contrary to the message.

Brother Branham never tolerated such things, nor had any of his written work completed or done by any female, nor ever authorized any female to introduce him nor his message at his Tabernacle, on the radio or on television, because she is to remain silent with all subjection and not be permitted to speak (teach or preach) as commanded by the Lord in I Corinthians 14:34-37. **All such women who exercise this authority from behind the curtains of 1 Timothy 2: 12 are strictly out of their scriptural place and need to repent, along with the pastors and big names in the message, for they are all blind guides leading the blind.**

We ask for one quotation to prove where Brother Branham indicated, suggested or authorized any female to exercise any such authority behind the pulpit, in literature or from behind the curtains. **This is a woman preaching spirit, just as bad as any woman behind the pulpit in so-called full gospel churches, boasting about how many got saved and are blessed by their preaching, writings, tapes, television and radio programs.** God only recognizes His Word.

A man from South Africa, who claims to be a preacher of this message, came to Trinidad, and to our surprise and without any shame whatsoever, stated that he at times holds meetings with the men, and his wife takes the women aside and holds meetings with them, "for the scripture said that the elder women should teach the younger women to love their husbands and so forth." (Reference: Titus2:3-5).

**This teaching of the younger women by the older women is limited to an exemplary life and sound personal advice, and has nothing to do with congregational gatherings of women taught by pastors' or deacons' wives or any super spiritual women, for they cannot do so without breaking down the message and scriptures, throwing their hands forward, kicking their heels, rebuking someone and preaching the Gospel.**

Preachers who are not called of God, but sent of Satan, or who have sold their God given ministries for money, popularity or women, make excuses for women to break down the Word from behind the curtains. Preachers' wives are afraid to enter the pulpit because genuine servants of God who preach this message and uphold the Word without compromise will make war with such hypocritical pastors and their sissified spirit. **Thus the wife preaches her message to her husband from behind the curtain, in the secret chamber and he does her preaching from behind the pulpit, kicking his heels, pretending to discern and be in contact with the heavenly throne, inspired by the Holy Ghost, while his wife punctuates her own message with a masculine "Amen! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!"** The result of such messages is confusion, because they are generated by an evil spirit, gossip, women confusion, backbiting, offences, enmity and hatred between pastors' families and church members.

Women with such preaching spirits cannot abide under true servants of God in the message, and go from church to church, evil-speaking their former pastors who refuse their visions, dreams, revelations and counsel. **When they find a preacher that's not called of God, not born again and without the Spirit of Christ, they make him a woman's puppet. They pastor the church from behind the scene and direct their hatred and bitterness through him to other church members.**

Such a woman is hailed to be super-spiritual and hearing from God, as of a certain case, well known, which started in South America, of a Pentecostal woman (once an atheist), educated, high tempered, gossiper, brawler, super spiritual and demon possessed with a preaching spirit, who embraced this message, sat under the ministry of a sissified preacher, not called of God and a bread and fish disciple. Such a woman, dictated for the church until deliverance came.

**She caused women to wear ankle length dresses and obey other revelations which she said came from God, was handed down to the pastor, and the pastor established it in the congregation.** Eventually she got a revelation (she claimed) that the pastor should marry her, she being a woman who had a child by a previous union, defiled and unfit to marry a minister. He abandoned the congregation to satisfy his lust and lived off the income of her profession for years without working. Such fanaticism brought the church into ill repute amongst unsaved relatives, employers and the neighbourhood. Some attacked the church in the early eighties on two occasions and violently injured many of the brethren who fled to safety in other countries.

This woman's spirit could not subject itself under good solid teachings of the Word and Message of Brother Branham, and now has her heart's desire met where she now sits under a pastor who has no discernment of her spirit, who has her on a pinnacle, as super-spiritual, a deliverer and revelator, gathering spirits of the same

nature and background like herself, but they shall proceed no further. Such folly shall be made manifest. May the Lord grant this poor pastor grace and discernment to comprehend the depth of Satan bottled up in that dominating female. Likewise, **may he grant grace to all of God's servants, stamina, courage and boldness to stand against such women preaching spirits, dominating females like Jezebel, trying to control, and have already overtaken the Ahabs behind the pulpit, causing them to bow to Baal.** But be it known, that God has reserved a chosen number under the message of Elijah, who will not bow their knees to Jezebel prophets, but will prevail over all the works of Satan and the false anointed ones at the mount Zion showdown even as God prevailed at the Mount Carmel showdown.

Some men have too high assessments of their wives as spiritual and it causes a lot of problems. Let her listen to you. One pastor's wife, right in the vicinity, has pants on! Pentecostal! What a disgrace!

"How should this woman behave; what kind of character she should have as an elder's, deacon's or minister's wife?" Brothers and sisters, she cannot bawl him out and the neighborhood hears that thing. She can't bawl him out in front of the brethren. And if she is **guilty of that, she should not come to the cup and take communion**, because the Bible speaks out against a brawler. *"But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat."* (1 Corinthians 5:11). The Bible said not to keep company with a brawler. A brawler is a person who doesn't know how to settle their affairs in a quiet, peaceful and Christian-like manner. If something happens they just brawl-off. The whole neighborhood got to hear. The whole household's got to know that a man and a wife has a quarrel. You are a brawler. If you are a brawler and you respond to your husband like that, don't come to the cup.

## **YOUR HUSBAND IS NOT ONLY YOUR HUSBAND, BUT HE IS YOUR RULER**

**Quote:** 76 *"Do you know It's wrong for you not to be the husband of your house, your wife get a little temper spell and kick you out the door, and you say, "Yes, bless your heart, honey, I'll come right back"?... **How can you be a tender at the house of God when you can't even control your own house? That's exactly right. Do you know, sister, that your husband is not only your husband, but he is your ruler? God said so. Because that the husband was not deceived, the woman was deceived.**" (Position In Christ 60-0522m).*

No woman who would not obey their husband like the Bible say, is going in the rapture. You've got to surrender that spirit to your husband. I am not saying that you will be perfect. You will make a mistake and that grumpy husband is going to aggravate you. You will make a mistake, but then you are always conscious that, "I am wrong, I want to do better and I don't want to go that way." But anytime your husband talks to you and you want to talk back and fuss, and that's your standard and your way for many years, you should not be taking communion. We should not be eating and drinking with a person like that. More so if you are a minister's wife, deacon's wife or an elder's wife in the House of God, and behave like that.

Absolutely not! You are a disgrace to Christianity. That is bad enough for a believer to act like that against her husband, much more a minister's wife.

## **DON'T NEVER TRY TO CALL YOURSELF A CHRISTIAN, 'CAUSE YOU'RE NOT**

*Quote: 80 "I was preaching the other night, somewhere, about women to obey their husband. Obey? Yeah. That went out of the marriage ritual a long time ago. But... They ain't going to do that. No, sir. They live in America, and they'll let you know so. They're not going to obey. But as long as you don't do it, don't never try to call yourself a Christian, 'cause you're not. I don't care how much you dance and speak with tongues, if you don't obey your husband, you're out of the will of God." (Is Your Life Worthy 63-0630e).*

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**Question#170:**

**Heretical Article No. 146:**

"When ministers are gathered in a pastor's home for discussions on church matters, can his wife be part of it?"

**Answer:"WHAT?!!!!!"** Brother Paul said, "What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord." (*1 Corinthians 14:36-37*). "*Let your women keep silence in the churches (All church matters): for it is not permitted unto them to speak.*" (*1 Corinthians 14:34*). She ought not to speak in church and she ought not to speak behind the curtains.

Ministers gathered there and you come and sit in the midst? **You have a man's spirit. You have a preaching spirit!** You want to come there and give your opinion on church matters? That is out!

I went to certain places discussing with certain ministers about certain things about the building, and I saw a woman walk right up in the midst, in front of all the ministers and giving her opinion, "Yes we should do it this way." I stopped talking and start watching this woman. It was surprising; I walked right out, turned right around and said, "Tell your wife to "shut up" from all church matters." She learnt her lesson.

The Bible says to stay in the background like Sarah. If you are a daughter of Sarah and you ought to have the **ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, you have to act better than Sarah.** "Now I heard about being like Sarah, I don't know about acting better than Sarah." **If you don't act better than Sarah, you are not going in the Rapture.** Sarah was laughing in the back of the tent. She should have moved out where she could not have heard anything; and she manifested unbelief in the promise of God. She lied in the face of the God. Sarah lied in the face of that Angel, and she said, "I never laughed." Hearing church matters and laughing. So you have to go way, way beyond Sarah. It is true she had a meek and quiet spirit, but she should have moved out from that tent and stop eavesdropping when her husband

was talking to the next minister, then laughed about it, then lied about it; and then manifested unbelief. So you have to get plenty better than Sarah, and I think that I have sisters here that are better than Sarah. They believe the promise of God and they stagger not at the promise of God through unbelief. They know their place. My beloved, they never one time tried to interfere in church business. It's a blessing.

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**Question#171:** : "If a pastor leaves his wife for disobedience, can he continue to preach?"

**Answer:Yes!** Instead of reproaching him, Jesus complimented him. *"And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life."* (Mark 10: 29-30). The Lord complimented Peter and the other Brethren who had forsaken their wives to preach the Gospel. So, that's the thing that you ought to do. If a wife, children or anybody comes in your way between you and Christ and the Gospel, you ought to take the way of the Lord. And if your wife becomes your problem and you are a preacher, you've got to forsake that wife for the Kingdom of God sake. *"...No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."* (Luke 9:62). You've got to put your hand to the plough and go forward.

So, you may have to divorce your wife for the Kingdom of God's sake. You may have to divorce her for her dishonor unto you. A big brawling woman, over and over embarrassing you, making you shame for months and for years. Friend, for you to sit down under that, you are a sissy man. You ought to make a decision. It's either that woman stops that or you put her away.

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**Question#172:** "What should the church do if they do not find a man worthy to be pastor? Should they wait on God or let anybody preach?"

**Answer:Anybody can't preach.** You'll be better off playing a tape. You'll be better off having a prayer meeting or inviting another minister from somewhere-an evangelist to come and feed you the Word of God. It will be better for you that you get some of our tapes and play and listen to them. It will benefit you greatly.

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**Question#173:** **Heretical Article No. 147:**

"Should a pastor's wife discipline, correct or rebuke members, deacons or elders in a church? This is around the message."

**Answer:**In 1 Peter 3:4, the Bible commanded every woman to have an ornament of a meek and a quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price. This is prevalent around the message where the ministers' wives think that they have some kind of special authority to rebuke, chastise, correct and discipline members of the congregation. She is strictly out of place, and this does not fit the description of what a woman should be, of a meek and quiet spirit.

**She cannot act like Jezebel in the House of God: ruling the people, telling them what to do, take over in the absence of her husband and even when he is present.** It goes to show that she is manifesting a masculine spirit, and in truth and in fact, she is taking the office of a deacon and a preacher. Somehow, without the right spirit; they get into their heads that the church is a family concern.

In many parts of the world the woman thinks that she has an equal right of authority and power like her husband, over the members, the elders, the preachers and she would let you know that. I have received complaints about pastors' wives bawling out even the deacons; discipline the deacons; tell the deacons exactly what they want done in the church. We don't want to get such a heresy started here.

**Now this is very strange to us. We have never heard of it around the church in all the decades** that you have been coming here, even because we have wonderful deacons and elders here who have their wives in subjection and they know their place

*A woman must know her place. Not only a pastor's wife but any woman who will want to come and discipline a man, bawl him out, argue or fuss with him, is strictly out of place. If she has a matter there is a way to handle it.*

*Mathew 18:15-18, gives us the order of handling any matter in the House of God. "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglects to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglects to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."*

**The pastor's wife is on the same basis as any lay member in the House of God, and she must not use the authority of her husband** and thinks that she has some kind of special authority to bawl out any sister or bawl out any brother, deacon, elder or minister in the House of God. Anytime she does that she has a Jezebel spirit! Jezebel took the steering wheel from Ahab and she ruled Israel; and if a minister would allow his wife to behave like that in the House of God and not correct her, it shows that he is a hireling. That's the actions of the hireling's wife, not a true shepherd's wife. A hireling gives his wife that liberty because he is there for hire. He is giving her that liberty to protect his hire.

This is prevalent over in organizations where you have the pastor's wife being the assistant pastor. That is because that hireling wants to protect the interest of the finance in the church, that if he dies then the church money would go to the family.

So they make the church a family concern that if the wife doesn't rebuke the people, the son will do it, the daughter will do it and the whole thing becomes a family affair. Anytime a church becomes a family affair it is time to separate! The Holy Spirit is not there.

This is the system of organization and you can see the masculine spirit in those women. The assistant pastor is the man's wife and she puts on pants, a man's shoes, a man's watch and bobs her hair to the scalp. It goes to show the masculine devil that is upon that woman. She has a perverted spirit, she has a Jezebel spirit, and that should never be practised in the message, and anywhere that is going on and a woman is ruling over her husband and she is controlling the church from behind the scenes then she is out of order.

Brother Branham spoke about this kind of problem in the church where preachers do not have their wives in subjection. He condemned that in no uncertain terms.

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## **PASTORS' MISTAKES, RESIGNATION, RELATIVES, TITHES & MONEY MATTERS**

**Question#174:**

**Heretical Article No. 148:**

"Should a pastor alone partake of the tithes, or also the rest of the five-fold ministry can exercise that power?"

**Answer:** Now there is a dividing line here and that is, certainly I believe, on scriptural grounds, that the other part of the ministry can partake of the tithes and offerings of the church. I believe that even the members can, but then when you speak of exercising power and authority over the tithing and offerings, that's a different subject. The pastor of the church is the full authority over the finance of the church because he is placed there as the steward of God who must give an account of his stewardship. But, I believe a true shepherd and a true pastor does not want to become a millionaire from tithes and offerings. He does not want to be a miser, and he doesn't want to be a greedy fellow.

I believe that the monies that come into the House of the Lord is for the functioning of the church, and although the minister has power over the money, I believe the Lord will direct him how to use it for the welfare of the church of God, the deacons, the trustees, the other ministers, the five-fold ministry and even the people of God. Now you have seen that demonstrated here. [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] Well this question is very strange to you.

But what is happening around the world is that some of these hirelings, know the power that is invested in them concerning church funds and they take the church funds and buy four and five motorcars, and the most expensive ones. They build million dollar homes, and take trips around the world for vacation. They are so extravagant in their spending that the tithes and offerings are not enough to send their children to university, buy motorcars for each one of them and wear the best clothing, insomuch that they have to invent other means and different kinds of schemes to collect more money: Pastor's love offering, pastor's wife love offering, and all kinds of excuses to collect money. **Now that's a hireling, anointed of the devil and demon possessed with the same spirit of Judas Iscariot.** Anytime a man will do that he is after money and he has proven himself to be a hireling and a possessor of the spirit of Judas.

Although that minister has the power over the money, we must get the dividing line. **It is not for him to take all.** That's the system in organization and that's the same devil that is upon the ministers of the message everywhere. They think that because it is placed that way, it means to take all, and if anybody wants any other funds in the church let them find it some how. Take up a collection or something like that. In other words, "That is mine." Now, that's a devil! What about the assistant pastor? Is he not working for the Lord in the House of God? What about the other ministers? What about the evangelist who passes by? What about the other ministries who pass by, who pay their fares and spend money with their vehicles to come and preach in that church? What about the deacons who function in the House of God? Won't they have need of something? What about the poor people in the House of God? Didn't Jesus say to remember the poor. (Luke 14:13-14).

So now, this money goes into the ministry of Christ. **The money is not being paid actually to the person of the pastor; it is being paid to the ministry for the welfare of the church.** To run the church you need lights, you want rent, you want to pay the janitor etc. But all these funds and all these other expenses are taken up

from the people, beside the offering and the tithes. It is true that nobody could force the pastor and tell him what to do with the tithes, if to give the saints from that or if to do such and such, and it should not be used for the building of the church because that's a separate fund, but yet brothers and sisters, this man must be directed of the Lord and if he has a money spirit, the Holy spirit cannot direct him.

**So yes, the other parts of the ministry can partake of the tithes but they do not have the authority to demand the monies from the church,** to come there and say, "I am an apostle, give me ten thousand dollars" he has no authority; "I am an evangelist and you give me two thousand dollars", no, or a minister in the House of God come and say, "listen to me, I want a salary every month." They do not have that authority. But if you have a Shepherd there, he will look out and see the needs of the ministry. Neither can a member come up and say, "Now pastor, I have been paying my tithes here faithfully every week and I want to get back something here because I have to make a trip and I want two thousand dollars." You are strictly out of place. **That is God's money and the Lord will direct the spending.** If that minister thinks that he wants to take all that money and throw it back to the people in the congregation, that is up to him. He will give an account to the Lord for what he done with the Lord's money.

So all these hirelings will one day give an account. They are collecting money under false pretence. **A hireling should not get tithes and offerings,** because he's a hireling. The tithes goes to the pastor and if he is taking up offerings and tithes then he is an impersonator, a scamp and a schemer, and he's coming into the church under false pretence, pastoring the sheep and taking the Lord's money. Do you see how serious that is?

So the pastor is in full control but that don't mean to say that he should take all the money. There is an Old Testament order. The Bible said that the tithes are for the Levites and the priests (plural). In the New Testament Jesus said, *"for the labourer is worthy of his hire."* (Luke 10:7). The pastor alone is not a labourer. Although he has control over the money, he alone is not a spiritual work man in the House of God. It is also written, **"Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?... For it is written in the law of Moses, *Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn.*"** (1 Corinthians 9:7-9). There are men other than the pastor who are threading out the corn to feed the sheep here every night, and they must be respected and not be robbed of their hire. So a real shepherd and a real pastor works in harmony with the other ministries and he supplies those needs.

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**Question#175:**"If a servant of God makes a mistake and commits sin, will the Lord forgive him or forsake him like Saul?"

**Answer:** A minister or a sheep is on the same basis for forgiveness. *"If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."* (1 John 2:1). *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* (1 John 1:9). **So like the believer, the minister makes mistakes and if he does the Lord will forgive him and not necessarily cast him away like Saul.**

We saw this demonstrated first of all in the life of Brother Peter the apostle when he got so defensive of the Lord that he chopped off a man's ear, and the Lord told him, *"...Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."* (Matthew 26:52). He forgave him. Then, at the time of real pressure he denied the Lord and cursed and swore, and notice that when the Lord was resurrected he never asked him about that. No! The Lord forgave him and did not depart from him like Saul. However, the Lord deals with His servants in different ways because even though he forgives you many times, as a believer and as a servant of God, he knows what he is trying to work out in you, and he brings certain things upon you as a discipline.

**When this servant of God falls, the believers should not go about and use their mouths**, because in Romans 14:4 it says, *"Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand."* The Lord will deal with that servant. You just don't go passing judgment, saying this and saying that. So the man could be forgiven and he could get some discipline.

Paul was called from the foundation of the world and when the Lord called him to preach, he made him blind. He was a servant of God foreordained; a light to the gentile, but the Lord dimmed his eyes. That was the messenger that buffeth Brother Paul throughout his life. *"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."* (2 Corinthians 12:7-9).

Brother Branham made a terrible mistake and listened to his big mouth mother-in-law. He paid dearly by the life of his daughter and his wife, what a terrible punishment, Brother Branham had a wonderful personality, but the Lord had to get him tough. He was very quick to agree with people. Look at Abraham, his nature was reflected in the matters of Hagar and Lot, when he chose the best land. You can pin point the character of several servants of God in the bible. It's a wonderful exercise and encouragement to read your Bible. But the Lord did not forsake him like Saul. So although the Lord forgives his servants and His people, in order to work out the things that caused them to make the mistake he may leave some sickness upon them and leave them in some trouble in order to purge that certain element inside of them. He made a mistake and listened to some big mouth Pentecostal preachers and the Lord departed from him for several months and allowed him to have a sickness of amoeba. At the end of that when his punishment was over, the Lord returned to him and he learned a lesson and never made that mistake again in all his ministry.

Moses made a mistake and instead of speaking to the rock, he hit the rock. Although the Lord forgave him, because of that he never entered the promise land Moses after forty years asked the Lord to enter the land and the Lord refused him, he punished him. So you could do certain things in this life that the Lord punishes you for, in so much that you will never be blessed with a house, land, automobile and other things. That does not mean to say that the Lord forsook you, or that He doesn't love you anymore. He is trying to take out that negative element from in you that your soul may be saved. He alone knows what is going to take you to hell and how to take it out.

So under certain conditions if a servant of God, Deacon, Elder, or Minister makes a mistake then those who are in charge must discipline him too. They got to put him to sit down and say, "Don't do that again". He sits down there, waits on his ministry until he works out those things before he reenters the pulpit. If it's a disobedient wife who needs divorcing, he will sit there until that wife is divorced and he has no connection with that woman, then he can use the office of a bishop. So it's not only the Lord who will punish you but also those that are in charge if they are in connection with the Lord.

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**Question#176:**"If a Pastor has an unbelieving father and mother living in his house, can he continue in his office?"

**Answer::** If his wife is unsaved or a back-slider or children are unsaved or backslidden, this man cannot use the office of Pastor, Deacon or a Tender in the House of God. Tender means, one who dedicates his service to the Lord. Under those conditions this question is now being asked. Because if the man cannot function under the condition of his own children and the wife being unsaved, what about if his father and mother are living there?

1 Timothy 3 only specified wife and children but did not specify father, mother and other relatives, and I don't think that Brother Paul was so careless as to leave off an important thing like that in instructing the overseer Timothy. So then, it is written in the scriptures, "Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old." (Proverbs 23:22). I believe that doctrine and I believe that though your father and mother are the worst sinners, your duty as a Christian is not to forsake them. Some of them may be unbearable that you cannot even fellowship or communicate with them but at least you must show them that honour. And I'll tell you this one thing, in the back part of your mind you should be praying for them, and look for every opportunity to lead them to Christ. So under those conditions if a father or mother of a Minister are living in his home, and I would say, even an aunt, nephew, or some other relative, that does not disqualify him from using the office of Pastor because the scripture only specified "wife and children." However, there is a middle line. They must live under the Christian principles of the home.

They cannot bring in a television, drink rum, smoke cigarette, curse, and gamble in this Pastor's house because they are father and mother. They must live under Christian principles. Every home is run by Christian principles and that does not only go for the Minister now, it also involves the believer.

If your father and mother are living in a separate apartment, which you own, they are burning their own pot, and living separately, then they could do what they want in their apartment. They must not bring their nonsense over into your apartment. But if they're going to be mixing with your family as a member of the family and your mother (you know how old and nasty they are now) wants to wear shorts, (when you look at them you feel to vomit), wants to smoke cigarette; when you talk about it she wants to cuss you, wants to put on the radio and bring worldly music or have a television; under those conditions she cannot live in the same house. You say, "Where is the scripture for that?" The Bible said, "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:26). **Under those conditions your father and mother has got to find another dwelling.** They may have to go down to the next son who smokes, curses and gambles and you may have to support them over there by giving them some money, buying clothes for them and carrying food for them. You may say, "Well, they don't want to come to church, should I ever give them any money?" That's your duty as a son and as a daughter. If they're sick it's your duty to go over there and clean their diapers. They cleaned yours.

That doesn't mean to say you have to take up full-time duty, because they might have other sons and daughters and different ones to take care of them. And you've got to use discretion before you get put out from your house by your husband because you were married to a husband and his work comes first. His duties come first and you must have his permission. You just cannot take up yourself and say, "I'm going to see about my mother and father and I don't care what my husband says". No, you have a duty at home first. You have a head and you've got to listen to the voice of your husband. So you got to balance that.

So he may have other relatives. They fall under the same category. There might be a brother who died and he has to take in his six year old son, mother died in a crash somewhere and you have to take in a child. What are you going to do? That's my nephew over there. We must learn to show pity.

You might have your mother's sister; she has nowhere to go. As long as she could live under your conditions, you want to show love. If somebody could help out to make it easier upon you, fine. Then it's easier if you could pay a little money sometime, to help take care of her over there. You'll have less problems in your home. I'll tell right here, with all that I said, it's a terrible thing to bring in unsaved people to live with you, whether it's father, mother, brother, sister, cousin, aunt, or uncle. It is not an easy task. You'll have trouble all the days in that house because you have one principle, one vision and they have another vision all entirely. You'd rather support them somewhere else and spend some money. You will come out better.

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## Question#177:

## Heretical Article No. 149:

"Should a pastor beat his wife, daughters and sons, and if they complain to the elders, can he continue to be a pastor?"

**Answer:** Titus 1-7, 1Timothy 3 deals with the qualification of a pastor/elder. Among the requirements he should not be a striker. Strike is to deliver blows, revile, abuse. A striker is one who delivers blows. This question is saying that this pastor is delivering blows to his wife, daughters and sons. To strike your wife? No sir. Love and cherish her. She is not a door mat. She is your sweetheart. God gave her to you as a help mate. As far as striking your wife - No! No believer, whether pastor, lay member or who you are should beat their wife.

*"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered." (1Peter 3:7).*

### **Correcting children:**

*"Fathers provoke not your children to anger lest they be discouraged." (Colossians 3:21)*

*"Foolishness is bound in the heart of the child but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." (Proverbs 22:15).*

*"He that spareth his rod hateth his son." (Proverbs 13:24).*

*"Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell." (Proverbs 23:13-14).*

*"He that loveth his son chasteneth him betimes." (Proverbs 13:24).*

*"Chasten thy son while there is hope." (Proverbs 19:18).*

By Scripture, the rod is permitted in correcting a child. Children should not take on the law that they have out in the world which says that their parents cannot use the rod on them. Your parents can give you a good licking by using the rod. Some Devil possessed psychologist said, don't use the rod, use psychology. God said use the rod.

### **Beating children:**

How old are they? If they married the pastor or any person is out of place. How do you beat them? With what? Instruments which causes bodily harm? To what extent are you beating? You beat until they have bruises or broken bones? It's child abuse. What's your motive, your purpose? Your purpose must be scriptural. Do you do it in haste or anger? Some have temper fits and go out of control. Correct your children - sure, but not in the wrong way. The whip is permitted but how are you doing it? If you have an unruly son, daughter you will use the rod and put them in place. You must consider how you are doing it. Are you beating them because they made a mistake and you don't want to feel ashamed in the neighbourhood? The whip is permitted but how are you doing it. If you have to correct your son or daughter, you must consider

how you are doing it. **Being a striker of your wife, married children, or in an abusive manner to young children disqualifies a person from holding the office of a pastor.**

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**Question#178:**"If a pastor resigns his office at church, should the people take him back if he want to return, seeing that he acted irresponsible, or should they seek another pastor?"

**Answer:Quote:** *"We pastors will be held responsible for the sheep. What they eat. Their blood will be required at our hand." (Ye Must Be Born Again).*

**Quote:** *"And another great thing that we find, 'cause I realize I'm speaking to ministers this morning. And we want when we come before a congregation, knowing this, that perhaps we'll never meet again like we are this morning. And the things that you say, God holds you responsible for them. So you must come praying and asking God what to say, and then depend on Him when you get to the platform, for something to help the people. (COD Vol 17 #8, page 7-8).*

Why did he resign in the first place? The question did not say. Did he step down until something is corrected? There are many reasons why he could resign. Or did he step down because of a reproach? The pastor could step down because of unruly children, or his wife is not in the faith, or something in his life to be corrected, or for fornication, adultery, homosexuality and such like sins his life brings a reproach to the cause of Christ and the congregation he should step down. A person living in fornication, adultery, a paedophile, a homosexual and a person living such like sins should be banned from entering the pulpit. He becomes a disgrace, a shame, a reproach and a dishonour to the message and the cause of Christ. Such a person re-entering the pulpit will kill and stagnate the growth of the congregation. The congregation will have no confidence in him. He has disqualified himself from holding such a responsible office. A person living in such sins shows that he has not the born again experience. And if he has not the born again experience he cannot lead a person to the born again experience. Except a man be born again he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 1Titus 3:7, 1Timothy 3, refers to the qualification of a minister.

Why will a person want to re-enter the pulpit after being irresponsible and resigned. Is he looking for a job or is he looking at the tithes and offerings, what is his purpose that he wants to re-enter the pulpit. e.g. A pastor once realized that he was not called to the ministry, and he gave twenty one reasons why he was not called. After some time because of jealousy he wanted the pulpit back. Tithes and offering were good. Jealousy, tithes and offerings can be reasons for a resigned pastor to want to come back to the pulpit. He was going after money. When a person is looking for an easy job and looking for pre-eminence and tithes and offerings he should not be allowed to re-enter the pulpit. He will be a hireling and not a shepherd. A pastor should not abandon the sheep. If he abandons his office he ruins the confidence of the congregation. He has a responsible position to take care of the sheep.



people sold their Christian birthright for a mess of popularity, education, and political power." (Voice of God 63-0120M).

### **RIGHT NOW THE CHURCHES ARE CONTROLLING POLITICS**

**Quote:** 376-1 Her daughters are right with her and she will take over absolute authority by the World Council of Churches... right now the churches are controlling politics and at the opportune time will manifest exactly how great is that control...

**With this great power the church systems will persecute the true bride. This image will try to keep the bride from preaching and teaching, etc. Her ministers will be forbidden to give comfort and truth to the people who need it. But before the antichrist (in person) takes over this complete world system of churches the true church will be taken away from this world to be with the Lord. God will catch away His bride for the great Marriage Supper of the Lamb." (Church Age Book Cpt.10).**

Similar quotations can be found on "Thirsting For Life 57-0630, Sudden Secret Going Away Of Church 58-1012, Hear Recognize Act On Word 60-0221, He Careth For You 60-0301, Hearing Receiving And Acting 60-0607, Rejected King 60-0610, Jezebel Religion 61-0319, True Easter Seal 61-0402, Super Sign 62-0708, Falling Apart Of The World 62-1216", where Brother Branham said that politics is rotten, corrupted, is controlled by Satan, people has sold their birthrights for politics, religion entered politics, and If you tie to anything of this any politics and things like that, and trust in that, you'll sink with it.

Believers should not venture into politics because the prophet said politics is of the devil. This is Satan's kingdom; it is against the kingdom of Christ. You'll be pressured to compromise as a believer. In parliament they are very ecumenical you have to watch what you say. Even a truthful prayer can cause offences, you have to compromise. When a Hindu man prays in parliament to his idols, you have to bow your head in agreement. They call that religious tolerance. When the Muslim man pray you have to bow your head also, they don't want anyone praying in the name of Jesus, because it offends some of the religious leaders. They ask them to pray in the name of Lord God Almighty without calling a name. A believer is commanded by the scripture to pray in the mane of Jesus. Therefore parliament is no place for a believer. A true believer cannot be comfortable in that atmosphere. How could a Christian campaign as a brawler, speak evil of other politicians and preach on the pulpit at the same time. It just does not fit the church. Brother Branham said that the church and state has nothing in common. We advise our people to stay clear out of politics.

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**Question#180:**"Should the pastor remain absent from the church for long periods, if he is not sick?"

**Quote:** *"Ministers are shepherds of the flock. It is your place to go get the revelation and go teach your flock. You are the shepherd of your flock. (Throne of Mercy page 15/Sparks Edition)*

**Quote:** ***Pastors are held responsible for the sheep. We pastors will be held responsible for the sheep. What they eat, their blood will be required at our hands. (Ye Must Be Born Again)***

A Pastor is the overseer of the church - "**The Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God.**" (Acts 20:28).

**"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."** (Hebrews 10:25). Way back in Brother Paul's day there were some people then that were in the habit of staying away from assembling in church and we should not have that habit of staying away from church. As the manner of some is, they stayed away from church service, prayer meetings. What is the purpose of the pastor being absent? The question does not say why. Is he away because of some emergency? Is he absent from the local assembly and gone to visit another assembly and minister there. He may be absent because of some good reason. A pastor should stay at his post of duty. A pastor should not neglect his responsibility as an overseer and shepherd of the church. He should see that they are fed at all times. If it becomes necessary to stay away he will appoint someone in charge. The person appointed will act according to his principles, advice and instructions. **A pastor who stays away from church for no good reason is a poor example** of a responsible shepherd. He should refrain from such practice. He is not a good example to the congregation. The congregation will say, if he could stay away then I could stay away also and the church will come to naught. A responsible pastor will see that he is in service. He may miss a couple of services because of sickness or other reasons but he will try to be in service at all times to set the right example for the congregation to follow. He has a great duty.

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**Question#181:**"Can a pastor stay at unsaved relatives- Roman Catholics?"

**Answer:**It depends on the circumstances. Is he a single pastor who got ill and his relatives took him in? We do not know. Did his house burn down and he is staying there temporary? We do not know the reason why the pastor is staying there. On the other hand if there is no justified reason he should not stay there, because the public would identify him with whatever goes on in that house. If alcohol drinking is going on there it's not the best place for a pastor. If worldly music and other ungodly things are taking place it would discredit his testimony. At the same time if the pastor house burns down and he has to stay there for a week or two I don't see a problem. Living there from week to months to years will discredit his testimony.

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**Question#182:**"When he goes to preach should the evangelist stay at ministers, brethren or at a hotel?"

**Answer:**The minister, the evangelist must keep before him always how he may best serve the Lord in his ministry. Where to stay during a meeting or series of meetings? There are several considerations to be taken into account when making a decision as to where to stay. First, he must please the Lord. If it pleases the Lord to have him sleep under the stars, drink brook water and eat wild berries in order to be free to bring his message, then he must do so. If it pleases the Lord to have his servant use rooms provided by some sympathetic host and hostess among the brethren then he should do so. It may be that there is none such available but, still, the Lord would have him go and bring his message. A hotel may not be available or may be so overpriced that the humble servant of God cannot afford the cost. He should wait upon the leading of the Lord to decide which lodgings are appropriate. If we have an example set before us, we should consider how it applies to us.

When Jesus sent forth His disciples to preach in the various towns and cities of Israel, He gave them instructions to find a house and stay there, as follows:

*"After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you." (Luke 10:1-9). (See also Matthew 10:5-15)*

The evangelist may be directed by the Spirit to a place where he is not received by the local ministry or where he must wait upon the Lord for inspiration on what to preach. In such a case he needs a place where he can be alone to pray and wait upon the Lord.

In the Scriptures that record the events of the young Christian Church, we find the Apostle Peter staying at the home of Simon the Tanner in Joppa. Just as he was about to receive a call from Cornelius, Peter was alone on the housetop when a vision came to him that gave him direction, although he may not have understood it at the moment. (Acts, Chapter 10) Paul also stayed with various brethren when he travelled but the Scriptures tell us that at least on one occasion when he was in

Rome he lived in a "hired house." (Acts 28:30) This gave him the opportunity to be alone with the Lord, do some writing, receive guests and preach the Gospel.

More recently, whenever he travelled, the prophet, William Branham, found it convenient to stay in a hotel or a motel, although he occasionally stayed with friends. When he went to Jeffersonville to preach the seven seals, he felt it was necessary to be alone to wait upon the Lord for the duration of the meetings, leaving only to take care of necessary business matters and to take his meals with close, long-time friends. Here are some of his remarks concerning this time:

**Quote:** *"I have just set these last five or six days just in a little room, don't see no one, just go out and eat my meal with a friend, with some of my friends here. And, of course, you know who that friend is. Its' Brother and Sister Wood. See? And, you know, I went over there and stay with them, and everybody's been nice. There hasn't been anything, just simply.... I'm trying to stay right with that message of these Seals. It's important. I believe it's the hour of its revealing time of revelation of it." (Fifth Seal, 63-0322, Par. 335-4)*

**Quote:** *"Now, just look here. You see how perfect everywhere you go. If I could stand here and talk the things that's revealed in that room, I tell you, it'd swing your heads around; but how you going to do it when you got a whole thing here. And then you, somehow or other, when you get away from people, there it begins to open up, mysteries; then you see things that you're daresn't to say to the people too, 'cause (You see?), if they would they'd start little isms." (Questions and Answers On The Seals, 63-0324M, Par. 467-5)*

An evangelistic trip is not for the purpose of fellowshipping with the saints but to labor in the harvest of souls for the Kingdom of Heaven. The choice of lodgings should be made with that thought firmly established.

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**Question#183:**"Should ministers send their sons and daughters to universities?"

**Answer:** University: means higher branches of learning. I will be speaking about education, primary, secondary and higher learning. By profession I was a teacher, I know what I am speaking about and do not support illiteracy. We at Bethel and our sister churches educate our children, but absolutely not at the expense of their souls. Eternal life has first place, *"and all other things are added unto them"*.

**A minister or believer educating their sons and daughters with higher education is lawful, but is it expedient and edifying; Absolutely not, to children and to the congregation in consideration of the word and the message of the hour.**

*"All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not". (I Corinthians 10:23).*

When a pastor acts contrary to the word and in a worldly manner, projecting the ambitions of the world for himself and his family, he sets the wrong example to his flock, thus endangering their souls to be involved in the things of the world at the expense of their souls.

*"Love not the world, neither the things [that are] in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that [is] in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever". {1 John 2:15-17}*

I want to read quotations from Brother Branham first:

*Quote: "I am not supporting illiteracy now, but I am trying to tell you it don't take the education, don't, the wisdom of this world is contrary. (Questions and Answers in the Seals)I'm not here to contradict school and education and try to support illiteracy. I'm not here for that. (God in Simplicity, page 22)Education has been the biggest hindrance the gospel has ever had. (Q&A on the seals, page 492)But as long as you're going towards wisdom, you are going away from Him. (Seals 5, page 342)Our Wisdom here come from Satan, we inherited it from Eden where we swapped off faith for wisdom. Eve did it. (Seal 2, page 195)You see, it was wisdom that started the ball rolling in the muck of sin at the beginning. For Eve was seeking wisdom when she met Satan, and Satan gave it to her, and wisdom is contrary to the word of God. We are not asked to have wisdom, we are asked to have faith in what's already been said. (God in Simplicity, page 26)And the world today is dedicating themselves to the knowledge which came by Satan and man's day is glorified not by the word but by the knowledge he has. (God Of This Evil Age, page 21)We know that Satan's gospel is a gospel of science and progress. (God Of This Evil Age, page 23)Knowledge and civilization and true Christianity has nothing in common. Civilization is by knowledge. We all know that. And knowledge is from Eden. Proved it by what he preached in Eden and knowledge causes death. Is that right? What caused death in the Garden of Eden? Knowledge. Well it can't be of God, so it's of the Devil. When was that a good one? Knowledge, science, education is the greatest hindrance that God ever had. (God Of This Evil Age, page 30-31)Civilization, knowledge perverts God's word to suit their own taste. (God Of This Evil Age, page 32)And in the last days, the God of this evil age would blind the eyes of the people with his intellectual knowledge on a mixed tree of good and evil, still giving it to the people. (God Of This Evil Age, page 44)Can anybody speak evil of a hospital? No sir. Library? No sir. Education? No sir! But see, they giving them that without the word. (God Of This Evil Age, page 43)God is the author of faith. Satan is the author of wisdom... wisdom comes from the Devil. That's strange isn't it? But it's the truth. Wisdom comes from the Devil. He is the author of wisdom. (Wisdom Vs Faith, page 15)Wisdom has reasoning. Faith has no reasoning. (Wisdom Vs Faith, page 16)The seed word cannot grow in the atmosphere, then of knowledge. Is that right? See? As soon as knowledge mixes with faith it dies right there. And the Holy Ghost seeds of the Bible cannot grow in the atmosphere of wisdom. (Wisdom Vs Faith, page 33)(Wisdom Vs Faith, page 37-38)*

The wisdom of this world is devilish and sensual but we need some of it to get a job to survive. Just take what is necessary to survive and leave the rest alone. The

people who write these syllabuses for the schools are anointed by the Devil's spirit. These people who are writing syllabuses now want to introduce sex education in primary schools. They already introduced it in secondary schools; they have it rampant in universities, immorality to the highest. Though it is devilish and sensual, Christians are caught up in this educational system.

**Pride:** One condition of a university environment is pride. "Six things God hate. 1. "A proud look." (Proverbs 6:17). "Knowledge puffeth up but charity edifieth." (1 Corinthians 8: 1). The more education you have is more pride you have in your heart. It is hard for a highly educated person to humble himself. Why would I want my **child in an environment that would make them proud and move them from life?** Pride is an evil of the heart. It defiles a person. God resisteth the proud. There is a lot of godless education. When it comes between education and salvation, choose salvation. Education will not do you any good in the civilization to come. We are not far off from a new civilization, why will we want to fill our brains with such nonsense. A university environment is an environment that moves you away from the word of God you are told that certain parts of the Bible are inspired and other parts are not inspired. What you learn has nothing to do with the word or Christianity. How much Christianity is taught in high schools or universities?

These devil possessed teachers in secondary schools, universities and primary schools pervert the word of God. Education is from the tree of knowledge of good and evil it is death. You could never enter a university or place of higher learning and come out the same as when you entered. The kind of knowledge you get in there perverts your mind. Education breeds much immorality. How many righteous people universities produce? How many homosexuals, lesbians, immoral people came out of universities. Are you strong enough to stay clear from the vices of Sodom and Gomorrah When you go there, you stay away from the word. The more you stay away from the word, the weaker you get. You put yourself in a place for the Devil to anoint you "flee the presence of evil". Brother Paul had an education, he had to forget his education to know Christ. University is higher education. Education does come between a believer and his salvation and take him away from God, parents who make such decision for their children will be held accountable to God. How many highly educated people accepts and believe and stay in the word.

**Quote:** *"Our educational system's taken us farther away from God than anything I know [that's right], Farther away from God. Not build schools and hospitals and so forth. That was for the world and for that group. (Things That Are To Be, page 18)*

Take what is necessary to live by. A little is enough. Life is more important. Which parents will make a decision to send their children in an environment where: You move away from Christ. You swap faith for reason. What you learn is contrary to the word. What you learn has nothing to do with Christianity. The word is perverted. What you take in is death. If you love life for your child you will keep them away from such an environment of higher learning as much as you can.

## UNIVERSITY / EDUCATION

### **WHAT DO I FIND UP THERE BUT FILTH AND GAUM**

**Quote:** 191 *"I live in a city where the University of Arizona is. And what do I find up there but filth and gaum, and the high schools and things of that city... The other day, they had four hundred teenage boys and girls with their clothes off, with kegs of beer, dancing in a big place up in Sabino Canyon up there. What have we got? University can tell you what a seed's made out of, but it can't give a seed life. Your education only takes you farther from God." (The Token 63-1128e).*

### **HOW MANY BABIES ARE BORN TO LADIES AT THE UNIVERSITY**

**Quote:** 224 *"Schooling, education, look at schools. Look down there at the university there, them boys. How many babies is born by them young ladies there to them young ladies each year at the university? hair banged, and rolled up on curlers and hanging down there. You say, "Well, that's just street trash." Is it? It's students of the university." (Power of transformation 65-1031M).*

### **ALMOST A THIRD OF THE HIGH SCHOOL CHILDREN PROVEN IMMORAL**

**Quote:** 121 *"Do you know there's three-to-one barmaid than there is high school or college girl? Three-to-one barmaids than high school and college girl, almost a third of the high school children over the nation is either been proven immoral or had to go home to be mothers?" (He cares do you care? 63-0721).*

### **WHEN YOU DIE, YOU LEAVE ALL THAT BEHIND YOU**

**Quote:** 66 *"There is also a thirst for success. So many people today, how we school for this thirst, people spend thousands of dollars to send their children to the school, and to universities and colleges, and so forth, to get an education, "To be successful," they call it, "in life." But now, I have nothing against that; now, that's all right. But, to me, you could get all the schooling in the world and still you haven't found the right success. That's right. Because that will just temporarily make things a little easier for you here. And there's... But when you die, you leave all that behind you." (Thirst 65-0919).*

### **MANY TIMES WE EDUCATE THEM AWAY FROM GOD**

**Quote:** E-26 *"I would like to speak of seeing Him and just show you how simple it is. Many times we send our pupils away, our children to schools for highly education... And not disregarding that, God forbid, that's all right. It plays a part but not the main part. Many times we educate them away from God. We'll never know God through education. You cannot. We've found that out now. That it takes a person... Education is the worst enemy that the Gospel has ever had. Now, just look*

*that over and see that. Man just thinks he can outsmart God. He cannot do it. His intellectuals is just a man. God is Spirit, infinite. ." (Show us the Father 61-0521)*

### **IT WON'T DO THEM NO GOOD IN THE WORLD**

**Quote:** 88 *"I know that sounds like somebody's a little mentally upset, but, now, send your children to school and get education and so forth; but I'll tell you right now, it won't do them no good in the world that is to come, 'cause there'll be another civilization, only so far above this. That civilization won't even have any... It won't have any schools in it; it won't have any death in it, won't be any sin in it. This has all that; no matter how much civilized we get, more and more death is added all the time. See? That one will be without death. But now we have to have school; we have to wear clothes." (Trying to do God a service 65-1127B).*

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**Question#184:**"Should a married evangelist take his wife with him wherever he goes for evangelical work or should his wife remain at home?"

**Answer:**When Jesus sent out the twelve disciples to preach the coming Kingdom to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, the Scriptures do not indicate that any of them took along a wife. Also, when He sent out the seventy, there is no mention that any of them was accompanied by a wife although it seems more than likely that, out of eighty-two men, some had wives. (See Matthew 10:1-8 and Luke 10:1-20) The Scriptures do tell us that the seventy were sent out "two and two." As there is no Scripture where a woman was ordained or commanded to go out and preach the Gospel, we must understand that the men were sent out two by two.

However, the Apostle Paul's answer to certain Corinthian critics could be interpreted to mean that the Apostle Peter was not only married but that he took his wife with him on some of his journeys. Here are Paul's words: *(1 Corinthians 9:3-5) "Mine answer to them that do examine me is this, Have we not power to eat and to drink? **Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?**"* We have no indication that Paul, himself, was married because he also said:

*"Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: [It is] good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment. **For I would that all men were even as I myself.** But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that. **I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for***

***them if they abide [remain] even as I. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.***" (1 Corinthians 7:1-9)

Evangelists, particularly young evangelists, will meet with many difficulties on the field and many temptations. In such circumstances a wife, present with him, could be great help to him, even helping to prepare meals and keeping his clothing tidy in addition to reducing the temptations of being apart and providing companionship. Having a wife with him could also provide more flexibility in choosing a place to stay during an evangelistic visit. Brother Branham said, "What does your wife do? She serves you in the house. You set down and she gives you your food; she fixes the clothing. See, she serves you day and night in the house. See?" (*The Ten Virgins, 60-1211M, Par. 126*)

As children begin to be born into the family, they may prevent the wife from accompanying her husband due to her "expectant condition," sickness of the children or the need to have the children in school. In such cases, she should be a good keeper at home and minister to the needs of the children.

There may be times that a situation will require much dedication, fasting and prayer in order to overcome evil spirits that will try to destroy the meetings. In such a case, the wife may be a distraction to the man of God and should be left at home.

There may be situations in which there is a distinct and definite physical danger in travelling to a certain area. At times it could be inconvenient or an outright burden for a host if the evangelist brings along another mouth to feed. And there could be other circumstances in which it would be needful for the travelling minister not to be burdened by an accompanying wife and children.

Brother Branham took his wife and children with him on many of his trips but not while the children were in school-usually from the beginning of September until the end of the following May. Even when Brother Branham observed the anniversary of his wedding, he was often absent from home and family. (See: *Testimony, 63-1128M, Par. 101+*)

**In all cases, the evangelist must be led of the Lord and use his own good judgment in determining whether circumstances will permit his wife to go with him and whether she will be a help or a hindrance to him on a particular trip.**

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**Question#185:**"If a pastor's wife dies can he remarry?"

**Answer:**Yes he can remarry. He must remarry someone in the faith. She must be a virgin. Always remember the woman a man marries is a reflection of his character and ambition. The pastor's wife must set the right example and should be the one whose actions are beyond reproach.

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**Question#186:**"Should the pastor alone invite other ministers to preach, or should he make such decision with the deacons and elders?"

**Answer:**The pastors don't have to consult with anyone. The office of the pastor is to conduct and act upon any program of which he believes to be in accordance with the plan of God. According to the word of God. He shall assume supreme authority and make promoting of the spiritual welfare of the church. If the pastor thinks he wants to invite a minister he is at liberty to do so. That's his God given rights. No deacon board or trustee board should control the pastor.

If the pastor wants to talk it over with the assistant pastor, that's up to him but he's not obliged. It's up to his discretion .Nobody should feel left out if they were not consulted. That decision is wholly up to the pastor. The pastor doesn't have to consult with anyone before he invites a minister to preach.

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**Question#187:**"Are ministers and elders responsible for observing the conduct and morals of believers only at church or outside of church also to avoid reproaches?"

**Answer:**Yes! Everywhere, in church, in public places, in private places, at home at work, at play. Get it clear. We cannot be two timers, wearing one type of clothes to church, one kind at work and another kind at school. We must not have double standards. You say that is the School uniform that I must wear. You know school uniform, I know school regulations. We should have one standard. E.g. Not a loose dress in church and a tight dress at work. Some children wearing nice clothes to church and their school uniforms are tight and short and straight. Some say I have to go to my school in the school uniform. Some schools have straight dresses, tight hips etc. We have modest dressing which is against that tight hip, straight dress. You say, I have to wear that. No! No teacher, principal, supervisor can force you to wear such clothing. You are free to exercise your creed. You are not admitted to school because of certain class, colour or creed. People can go with a hijab. If a Muslim can go with a hijab in a Pentecostal school, I don't see why you can't go with your modest dressing.

Don't conform to the organization, world and the church at the same time having two styles, patterns. People get so accustomed to being two timers that it makes no difference. Some parents give their little children different kind of clothes to wear at home and school and church.

Ungodly people watch the two timing. They know our standards. They even know our policies. Some people have female workers coming at their house with shorts

and say nothing about it. This is double standard. You have one standard for you and another for your worker.

In such cases where sisters needs correcting, every officer cannot run up to a sister and deal with these subjects except they get authority. There are ways to handle situations like these.

1. The pastor may call a sister and speak to her.
2. The pastor may tell a husband to tell his wife to correct her dressing.
3. The Pastor may tell a mother to tell her daughter to correct herself.

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**Question#188:**"Can a pastor's wife wear a simple necklace?"

**Answer:**Quoting from COD: Brother Branham was asked:

**Quote:** *"Brother Branham, should a Christian woman wear simple jewellery, as necklaces or pearls?"*

His answer was:

**Quote:** *"Well sister, I know this means a lot to you and it means a lot to me for you to place your confidence, I'd tell you the truth. Now remember the Bible said, 'when you adorn do not adorn with costly jewels and pearls and all kinds of jewellery, but let that be the adorning of a peace, and quiet and meek spirit which is a great price before the Lord.' Now I don't mean by that sister if you had a pin. Now this is me not the Lord. If you had a pin that you wanted to wear, or a little necklace your husband give you or maybe something like that you wore, now to me, I don't think that's bad. Now that's just me. Now remember, I make myself clear; that's my opinion. But I think it's the approach to it; it's the way you do it. See? It's the motive behind it. And when you see it's getting a hold of you then leave the thing alone. But I think if you wore your wedding rind." (COD, page 1008)*

**Quote:** *"If women want to dress and make themselves look decent, clean, ladylike, why I think there's not a thing to that to me. But when you get to going to put that thing into making it a little pride, then you're wrong. It's your attitude." (COD, page 1008)*

**Quote:** *"But I think as far as a necklace, or ... Now if you go loading yourself up like you went through the ten cent store down here with a magnet on you, I- I think that ... Excuse that, I didn't mean to say that like that, but that - that's wrong." (COD, page 1009)*

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**Question#189:**"Pastors in India are more interested in tithes. Who should look after the money matters in the church?"

**Answer:** Let me clear up something about tithes. Tithes belong to the pastor. How he spends it is between him and God. Scripturally it belongs to him. Sometimes people feel that the pastor is not using the tithes right. They give their tithes to a poor and needy brother. That's wrong, the prophet said. You are paying your one tenth to God. Leave God's money right where it supposed to be. Hirelings are illegally collecting God's money, tithes. They are thieves and robbers because they are not true shepherds. They are greedy of filthy lucre.

Who should look after the money matters in the church? Trustees and treasurers are appointed by the pastor, sanctioned by the congregation. These officers are not to spend the church money. They are to take record and make submission to the pastor. Every transaction must be authorized by the pastor.

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**Question#190:** "A pastor announced in his church that anybody who does not pay tithes cannot take communion. Also, what about those who have no jobs?"

**Answer:** Tithes is a tenth part of all your earnings, gifts, profits, increase and harvest. Tithes paying and taking communion are both commandments of the Lord. To take communion, a believer in the word of God should be striving to overcome sin, and come into obedience to the word, and tithes paying is a part of that word of obedience laid out in God's holy word.

*"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." (Malachi 3:8).*

It is also part of the teaching laid out by Brother Branham.

### **EVERY CHRISTIAN IS OBLIGATED TO PAY TITHINGS**

**Quote:** p. 604 "...I do believe that **every Christian is obligated to pay tithings** because it is a commandment of the Lord. 'And blessed are they that do all the commandments, that they might have a right to enter into the Life, the Tree of Life.'... **Tithe-paying is essential to a Christian experience.**"

Now, to take communion, the scripture states that each man should examine himself. *"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28).* In taking communion, a person who has no income, earnings or profits etc, has nothing to pay tithes with. Such a person, after examining yourself, has a free conscience before God, and is at liberty to take communion.

However, **sometime along the way, you will receive wages, or money, or harvest of the field, and then you will have to fulfill, and put this scripture, to work in your life.** The prophet never laid down any hard rules, forbidding believers

in his church from taking communion if they are not paying their tithes, even like Jesus not establishing in scriptures the same facts. People were left to the convictions of their own hearts to be sincere and honest towards God in obeying His Word. Such parties who do not pay tithes are not worthy of communion. Is this pastor exercising more authority than Jesus and Brother Branham?

### **EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD PAY TITHES**

**Quote:** *"Brother Branham, don't you feel that everyone who claims to be a Christian should pay tithes; pay their tithes into the storehouse of the Lord? Please give Scripture to this question.*

*That is right, that the Bible said in Malachi, the 3rd chapter, 'Bring all of your tithe and offerings into My storehouse, and prove Me, saith the Lord, if I will not open up the windows of Heaven, and pour out a blessing that there'll not be room enough to receive. That's a challenge to any individual!... That's a challenge to anybody...*

***Every Christian should pay tithes! That's right. It should be done. (COD, page 617)***

### **EVERY CHRISTIAN IS DUTY BOUND TO PAY TITHES**

**Quote:** *"You see what a strict thing it is to pay tithes? **Every Christian is duty bound to pay tithe. That's right. Never has been changed.** (Hebrews Book, Chap 7, part 1)*

### **TITHES PAYING**

*"And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all." ( Genesis 14:20).*

*"They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them. if ye were Abraham's children ye would do the works of Abraham." (John 8:39).*

*"But woe unto you, Pharisees! For ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. - This ye ought to have done is " tithes." (Luke 11:42).*

*"And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him." (Hebrews 7: 4-10).*

Every believer is entitled to take communion. Regardless of who he is, it is your right. It should be taken worthily and with sincerity. You live as a Christian believing the word and your testimony is right, you are free to take communion. Why is this person not paying tithes? Is it because of selfishness, grudge, unthankfulness or jealousy? An unthankful person will not pay tithes.

Examine your reason, motive and purpose for not paying tithes. If not paying tithes condemns you and brings you guilty before God, then in such a case don't take communion, if you do you would be partaking of communion unworthily and you'll

bring damnation to yourself. In such a case you don't take communion until it's corrected because you have a guilty conscience before God.

Those who are without jobs, those who are not working, how are you living? Do you receive gifts? Then pay tithes out of your gifts. Money given to you is a gift. A minister making such announcement will have his reasons and objectives. He did not explain his reasons and he does not have to. Maybe he is trying to deliver you from having a selfish, grudging spirit. We never heard Brother Branham testify of that rule, and we are not saying that he is justified to take communion either, if he don't pay tithes. It is a matter of conscience. This minister has no quotations, neither has he a Scripture to prove what he is saying. The Scripture does not say anything like that. **This is an organizational spirit.** It stumbles young believers out of the way. It is legalistic. As soon as sinners are baptized envelopes are given to them with their names, they are obliged to pay their tithes faithfully if they do not they are questioned, warned and disciplined, if they fail to comply they are excommunicated. A minister making such an announcement could be lusting after money. He should leave this to the believers conviction. When the believer sees the word he will pay his tithes. A pastor is at liberty to teach on tithes for edification of young believers and thieves (Mal:3). Tithes paying are an act of faith and obedience which is an evident fruit that he believes the word. When you make it a law in church, then you get away from faith. A true shepherd will wait until fruits are manifested, then he knows the qualities of the sheep. E.g. some people got sums of money, tithes was very much to pay, so they left the church. Some people get sad to pay their tithes. Look the widow with the mite. She gave her all. She was thankful.

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**Question#191:**"Should a minister pay tithes?"

**Answer:**Yes, a minister or pastor should pay tithes. Brother Branham received tithes, and also stated that he paid tithes. Levi received tithes and paid tithes.

### **I PAY MY TITHES**

**Quote:** 1034-184"*But just as loyal as I ever could, I paid tithes. And when I took my own money from the church here or from my campaigns, I'd take more... I'd give a tenth. Then I'd give it out to the ministers, and give the rest of it to ministers... Then just take a wage out of that of a hundred dollars a week; and I pay my tithes from that. Yes, sir. I believe in paying tithes. It's one of God's blessings that's proven to be a blessing. You say, "That's of the Old Testament." It is of the New Testament too. Yes, sir.*" (Questions And Answers 64-0823e).

### **MY FIRST DUTY TO GOD**

**Quote:** 13"*First thing, Mr. Mason, as my duty to God, I owe Him my tithes. I want to pay Him my tithings first.*" (Christ.revealed.in.His.own Word 65-0822m).

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b>**Question#192:**"Tithing: Some ministers don't believe that it is in the New Testament, and if Brother Branham said that, he also said that what cannot be found in scriptures should be trashed.

**Answer:****Tithing is a part of the word that must be kept and obeyed by the believer.** Tithing is spoken of in *Malachi 3:8-10*: "*Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.*"

But it is also spoken of by Brother Branham, and his reference to Paul in Hebrews 7, which is in the New Testament.

**TODAY THEY'RE TRYING TO TAKE THE PLACE OF GOD'S TITHING**  
Quote: 72 "***Today they're trying to take the place of God's tithing. They're trying to adopt something... It'll never take the place of God's eternal tithe and offerings.***"  
(*Enticing Spirits 55-0724*)

**HER TITHING, SHE PUT ALL HER LIVING.**

**Quote:** E-8"***The woman that put in a, just a few pennies in the collection, Jesus said she put in more than the rich did because of her tithing, she put all her living.***"  
(*Then Jesus Came 57-1213*).

**TITHES IS FOR THE NEW TESTAMENT TOO**

1034-184 "*I believe in paying tithes... You say, "That's of the Old Testament." It is of the New Testament too. Yes, sir.*" (*Questions And Answers 64-0823e*).

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**Question#193:**"Some believe that tithes belong to the pastor alone."

**Answer:**According to Brother Branham's teaching, tithing goes to the minister, and he is accountable to God for that money.

**TITHES IS TO GO TO THE MINISTER**

**Quote:** 680-Q-161 "***Tithes is to go to the minister. That's right... In the Old Testament... all the tithings went to their priests, their pastors. Yes, tithings are to go for nothing else. I know people take their tithes and give them to a widow woman. That's wrong. If you've got anything to give the widow woman, give her, but don't give her God's money. That's not yours in the first place. That's God's.***"  
(*Questions And Answers 61-1015m*).

*"But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit."*(*Numbers 18: 24-26*).

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**Question#194:**"If there are no Message churches in my area, to whom should I pay my Tithes? Is it, Wrong to send my tithes to "The voice of God Ministry"? Are tithes to be paid only to servants of God? Please answer soon, as I am desperate to pay my tithes."

**Answer:Quote:** 1034-Q-307 *"Should a person pay tithes to an individual, or should a Christian work? Sure he should. He's the one man that will work, is a Christian. "Pay tithes to an individual?" It depends on who the individual is. See? That's right. In Hebrews 7, the first time tithings was talked about... Hebrews the 7th chapter, when Abraham, returning from the slaughter of the kings met Melchisedec, he paid Him a tithe. That was Melchisedec, the King of Salem, which is King of Peace, and King of Righteousness, which was nobody but God Himself. See?" (Questions And Answers 64-0823e).*

That's the person you pay your tithes to that is Melchisedec that is the one who I am talking about and I am saying I pay my tithes to Melchisedec. Melchisedec, I pay my tithes to thee, because he is not dead, the bible says he has no beginning of days or end of life, and who so ever he is he is still alive today. And he is still the king of kings, still the king of peace, and king of righteousness, O our father is a great king, and beloved we pay tithes to him not because he say, you all must pay tithes to me we pay tithes because we love him, and the little one tenth we give him is not enough, no body don't have to come up here every night and say pay your tithes, no if you see Melchisedec you will pay your tithes. So you know when someone is thieving from Melchisedec they haven't seen what they must see.

**Quote:** *"But when you pay tithings... Really, where you owe tithings is where you get your food. "Bring ye all your tithings into My storehouse, saith the Lord. (That right?) And prove Me wherein saith God, that if I'll not open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that you would not have room enough to receive it." I challenge any man or woman that's not a tithe payer to accept that." (Questions And Answers 64-0823e).*

I challenge you to pay your tithes. You owe it to the place where you get your food. **And if he is getting his food from Bethel here, well he pay tithes here, whether he is in Mexico, in India, Zimbabwe, wherever he is getting his food from you owe your tithes. However the voice of God ministry is not the place to send tithes; it belongs to the house of God, Levites, pastors. Some want to stay home and send tithes anywhere; that's wrong. VOG is not a pastor or Levite.**

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**Question#195:**"If a man preaches heresies, and I fellowship there, should I pay him my tithes?"

**Answer:**This question is important and the answer can be one of much controversies. If it is evident that the minister preaches heresies on seven thunders

revealed, blood off the mercy seat, seven trumpets, allow sports for the believers, does not practice holiness standards, allows television etc., a believer, in the first place, should not belong to that assembly, and much-less to pay tithes to such a minister, especially after his heresies were exposed and he refused to repent and walk in the Truth.

All hirelings receive tithes illegally and fraudulently, because they are all impersonators of true shepherds. They will stand before God as thieves and robbers. When a man could rob God, he is the most notorious thief which the world has ever seen. Such a heretic is cursed with a curse, because they deprive God's true shepherds.

*"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." (Malachi 3:8-9).*

This declaration fits all false thunders preachers who propagates heresies after coming to the knowledge of the Truth and were exposed by the Word of Truth and refused to repent. Neither Gan nor his agents, who are some of the worst perverters of the message, are entitled to one penny of God's money. So too, Coleman, Vin, Massock, Santiago, C.W. Woods, agents of Lawrie, the false anointed ones and all propagators of such damnable heresies.

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**Question#196:**"If a man does not believe his pastor's teachings, should he remain as a member of the congregation and try to deliver the sheep or should he leave?"

**Answer:**It depends upon who the man is (Shepherd or sheep). If he is a minister, who is partly responsible for leading the sheep, he has a God-given right to expose heresies when he speaks to the minister or from the pulpit, even if it brings him into ill-repute with the pastor of the church and some of the congregation. He must stand at his post of duty, proclaiming the Truth, after which, he must separate from such heresies and heretic pastors.

If the person is a sheep, and the pastor preaches heresies, he is in a different category. He should approach the pastor on the subject. If the pastor continues in his error, he should get out of that church and seek greener pastures, but he should not remain in that congregation and cause strifes and contentions. He should maintain respect for the pastor's office, each member of the congregation, and continue to pray for their deliverance. Strifes and contentions will bring more confusion. As a sheep, he has not the capacity of a minister and cannot effectively breakdown the Word and message to bring deliverance to the sheep of that flock. If some have confidence in him and desire to know truth from error, it is advisable to introduce them to a minister who can breakdown the Word to them in the interest of their souls' salvation. We should live peaceably with all men as much as possible, bearing in

mind that, *"The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his."* (2 Timothy 2:19).

*"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave [them] me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."* (John 10:27-29).

God is looking over His sheep and we cannot be more protective of the sheep and love the sheep more than God Himself. We must trust in sovereign grace and election.

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**Question#197:**"We all have the notion even by some scriptural in-print that Paul did not marry, and died a Eunuch, but to my greatest surprise, I overheard, from a notable Minister, that Paul was married; that either he lost the wife rather, that history had it that before one could be a Pharisee of the rank and order of Paul, he must be married, just like a pastor should be married. How true could this statement be? Also, can a minister be a divorcee?"

**Answer:**The indications by such projections, are to try to prove that a minister should be a married man before he can be a pastor or a bishop. Brother Branham was a young unmarried pastor when he laid the cornerstone of the Branham Tabernacle in 1933.

**WHEN I LAID THE CORNERSTONE, I WASN'T EVEN MARRIED YET**  
**Quote:** 15 *"When I laid the cornerstone...I wasn't even married yet, just a young man."* (Seventy Weeks of Daniel 61-0806).

**Quote:** E-16 *"That cornerstone on that morning when we laid the cornerstone...in 1933... It was long before I was ever married. I was single at home."* (God keeps His Word 57-0407M).

To teach and establish such teaching is to condemn William Branham, Elijah the prophet, Malachi 4; 5-6, also, Paul and Barnabas. If Paul was married, what about Barnabas. Was Paul compromising with him, or ignorant of the Law? *"Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other Apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and or I only and Barnabas, have we power to forbear working?"* (I Corinthians: 9:5-6).

As far as the scriptures and the Message of the Prophet, there are **no records of Paul being a former married man**. Despite history or genealogy, if we cannot find scriptural or Message support, we let it go and forget about it. Why? Because these seeds can hinder our faith and cause us to question our beliefs.

*"But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentious and strivings about the law for they are unprofitable and vain". (Titus 3:9).*

*"Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith, so do." (1 Timothy 1:4).*

Although these scriptures did not itemize history, whatever subject or topic that causes questions to our beliefs and not profitable for edification can be categorized in these scriptures. There are various types of histories some are authentic, some fabricated, some lies, and some are heresies. Some of these histories are passed down by traditions and the source cannot be identified.

Let's examine some histories in circulation today. There are histories of the Bible that if we cater to them we will discard our Bibles. It is stated that the Bible was used as a tool to brainwash the under-privileged in the time of conquest, also it is the white man's book, it was man handled and numerous other comments. Are we to believe those heresies?

There are histories about the life of Jesus that will cause your ears to tingle. Lies about the missing years of Jesus that will make you an unbeliever. Records that He was married, was never crucified, and went to India where he lived and died a normal life. Are we to believe such lies?

Presently, there is a book in circulation. "Is Paul a Disciple or a Deceiver?" It is used to discredit his life and Ministry. Are we to believe this Book? The catholic history exalts Peter as the first Pope. Are we going to believe that? Islamic history record Ishmael, and not Isaac, as the promised seed. Are we to believe this? [*Congregation says, "No!"*]

This brother believed all along until this remark by this notable minister placed a question in his mind. One mistake on the pulpit, one unprofitable statement by some body of authority is like fire in a haystack. Whether so or not, what we know and believe is that **during his Ministry, Paul was a single man. Whether he was previously married and his wife died is unprofitable, vain and meaningless.**

There is not the slightest indication in the Gospels, in Paul's Testimonies in **Acts 22**, **Acts 26** and **Philippians 3** of a previous marriage. Then in **1 Corinthians 7** where Paul instructed the married and unmarried, there is not a notion of him as a former experienced married man.

This notable minister quoted that history proves that before a Pharisee can reach the rank and order of Paul then he must be married. What is a Pharisee? It is a religious sect of Jews who laid heavy emphasis on Observations of Rites and Ceremonies, strict, learned in the law, separated from the common people, believed in angels, the resurrection and immortality of the soul. What was Paul's rank and order as a Pharisee? The scripture taught us that he was a brilliant scholar of the law, devout and zealous. He was working along with the Sanhedrin Council taking instructions and carrying letters of authority to persecute the Christians. **He was from Benjamin and was not a priest;** neither was he a member of the Sanhedrin Council. To be a member of the Sanhedrin, you were required to be thirty (30) years and over and married. All priests originated from Levi's and Aaron's loins.

This notable Minister specifies and makes it imperative that a pastor should be married. The very Paul who laid the requirements as far as Scripture teaches was not married; he was a single man. This will automatically disqualify himself as a Bishop. What **1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1** is teaching and demanding from a Minister is if he chooses to marry then he must have only one wife. The age of Polygamy has now come to an end and a minister should not be a Polygamist, if a minister is single like Paul, Barnabas or Jesus he is still qualified as a Minister, either one wife or no wife.

**Quote: "First we got the Church Ages and got the history (laid down the Nicea Councils and Pre-Nicea Councils and everything that we could find in history) and found out that the correct interpretation of the Word was exactly with the History." (Question & Answer of the seals - 63-0324m).**

The Prophet in studying the Church Ages said the **correct interpretation of the word coincided with history**. After you studied the Word and the Message, then let the history coincide with the correct interpretation of the Word otherwise leave it alone, because the word is the absolute. God is the author of his Word the men were just scribes whereas history is written by men and is questionable.

Some people look for histories to support their beliefs when there is no foundation to these facts. My advice is since **this History is not edifying, is unprofitable, vain, questionable, not in faith, then obey Bro. Paul and avoid the foolish history**. Continue to believe God's word.

Concerning a minister being a divorcee.

**Quote: 1012-Q-286 "Brother Branham, is it... for a person who has a living, divorced mate who remarry before coming unto the Message to minister? Well, in 1 Timothy 3:2, if you want to put that down, and Titus 1 to 6 (I wrote that one down.), I want you to read that for this question. See? If a man--if a man desires the office of a bishop or a preacher (something another in church), he's got to have just one wife. That's right. A minister... Now, that's 1 Timothy 3:2, and Titus 1 to 6. Now, Titus 1 to 6, yeah. All right. Now, notice that the Bible said that that man that's a minister in the house of God will have one wife. Now." (Question & Answer 64-0823).**

Please note that Brother Branham did not give a conclusive answer, and he answered this question before he settled the issue of marriage and divorce in 1965, after which he ordained a minister who was caught up in the issue of marriage and divorce.

### **WHEN HE HEARD MARRIAGE & DIVORCE, HE WAS READY TO SEPARATE**

**Quote: 33"How many here knows Brother Ben? How many believes him to be God's servant, worthy of this blessing that we'll ask of God for him?... When he heard the other day on "Marriage and Divorce"... He and his wife was ready to separate...I pray that God will bless Ben and his wife to His service. **Let's lay our hands upon the brother.**" (Does God ever change his mind about his Word 65-0418E).**

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## Question#198:

## Heretical Article No. 151:

"Is it necessary that the Pastor attend each cottage meeting? Some preach heresies in his absence."

**Answer:** Are cottage meetings scriptural? That is all that they had in the early Church when they were scattered: *"And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart."* (Acts 2:46). *"Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house."* (Colossians 4:15). All these are cottage meetings. They did not have buildings like we have here today, until later on when Constantine gave them and they sold out to Constantine and the Catholic Church, but they used to have Church in certain homes.

**Now cottage meetings could be very destructive and it could also be a blessing.** You may go over there to dedicate a house and have one day service. That's a cottage meeting. You may go to have a thanks-giving or even marry somebody in a house there because they cannot spend the money to feed a thousand guests; fine, you're a poor couple. You may have a funeral going on in a home for everybody cannot reach the church. All those are cottage meetings. Now in this system here, Pentecostalism, they go and evangelize people by going into their homes, like the Jehovah Witness and Seventh Day Adventist. They go in there and have a cottage meeting. So one brother arises from the church and goes off there and wants to **control this cottage meeting. He is very ambitious; he wants to become a Pastor**, so he goes independently without telling the Shepherd anything, which is wrong. He must consult the Shepherd. And he goes in there and the next thing is that he wants to win some of the members from the church, so he starts preaching heresies.

"Should the Pastor be in every cottage meeting?" **First of all he must authorize it. If it is not authorized it is illegal.** Secondly the wrong spirits could come into those meetings where people start getting ambitious and youths start doing the wrong things because they don't have the control of the Deacons and the other Ministers and the ministry is not looking over them, and they could think that they are in the Spirit and then different demons start coming into the House of God and different ones catch a "revelation", the next one says this and the next one says that. Before you know it the Church is divided. That is what cottage meetings produce.

Now, knowledge has increased in such a way that they could look in the Spoken Word books, listen to a tape, get a conception of their own, and begin to think they're getting more revelation than the Pastor himself, and before you know it a few brethren start hanging around that brother, and a family over there, and they start discussing things that are too much for them. The bible says, "My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation." (James 3:1) So these cottage meetings are dangerous and cause enough confusion.

**If the Pastor will authorize a cottage meeting then the right thing is for him or another responsible Minister to be there in every single meeting, in order to avoid the beginning of heresies and the activities of demons.** Before you know it all those ambitious youths and ambitious young men who started that begin to think that "this is God". Prophecies start coming out and before you know it ten of them get demon possessed and divide the Church. **So, yes the Minister should be there if he authorized it and if he did not authorize a cottage meeting, stamp it out! It is wrong and should not be done because spirits will move in that.**

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**Question#199:**

**Heretical Article No. 152:**

"If a brother leaves the Church and asks the Pastor to conduct a service at his house, should he do that? Some say go and restore the fallen sheep."

**Answer:** *Hebrews 10:25 says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is."* Right through the world under this message, you have a staying home spirit. Some people are offended in one another and they stay away. They have some fuss with a member of the Church and they would stay away for weeks and for months. They don't like how the Deacon corrected them or how the Minister preached that day so they'll stay home. It's a staying home spirit that Brother Paul seen way back in the early Church. Knowledge has increased, through books and tapes, they can have conceptions of their own and begin to think they are getting more revelation than the Pastor, before you know it a few starts hanging around that brother and his family and discuss things, which are too much for them!

First of all, why is he staying home? There are some offences that are involved, there is a bad spirit that is involved, and then on top of that now, sends for the pastor to come and conduct a meeting in his house to restore him. **Friend, you have a Shepherd that isn't going nowhere, because you are acting like a goat and not a sheep. That's a goat!** If a sheep has a problem with a sister or brother, he will come to the Shepherd and sought it out. He will not mix up and involve mother, father and others. No, he will go over and tell his problem to his brother or sister, and not form a family team and jump on the pastor, the deacon or on a member. **It breeds confusion!**

So now this fellow here is in some confusion. Why would he call the pastor now to keep a meeting in his house? There could be many reasons. He may want to gain control over the pastor, to tell him what to do and how to restore him or he may want to show members that, "I can get the pastor to come here, because he cannot do without a member like me because I pay more tithes than everybody, and besides that, I know the Word, and I had been in the message before him, and I will show you all that he has to come here and not me go there." He is a proud brute. Minister, don't go near that door. Anytime you start that, other members will pull sanctions on you and say "I am not coming to church until the pastor comes and get me out! He has to talk to me here at my home and come and apologize to me!" Do you know

how many are still waiting for me to apologize for preaching the Word? Some has faded away spiritually, others are in the grave and has blasphemed the Holy Ghost. Let them sit down there and wait until they rot! I am not here to buy or beg for members. You have your confusion with a brother, with a sister, and the pastor goes down there and knocks at your door and says, "Don't cry; you are the piano player, you are the guitarist; we can't do without the music; I want to beg you, please come back?" That's a hireling who will do that because he wants to secure his hire.

**Do you know what bad losses it is for a hireling when a fellow goes away with his tithes? That hireling never went there because of the love of the sheep. He went there to secure his tithes.** Especially if that man has a business and is bringing in several hundreds or thousands of dollars for the month. That hireling will cry and pray for him whole night. It's not the man he is crying for, but the hire.

I find that is rude and out of place to have a stay home spirit and then send a message to the pastor to come down and keep a meeting at your house! What kind of a message are you sending to me? You want me to humble my self and to show me how to restore you. Some people backslide, meet you on the street and want to tell you how to restore them. You got to give them a hundred dollars, invite them in your home to eat, speak to them softly, and buy a dress for the wife and them also, say its love. You must manifest love brother! You're a dead hypocrite! You are not going to get one penny from me!

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**Question#200:**"Can a minister pastor more than one Church?"

**Answer:**Yes! There is only one church, and he is pastoring only in one church, and that is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. So if he has some sheep in different places and he has another little flock over there, then he is right in place to pastor all of them; and remember that he has deacons, helps, government, associate pastors and assistant pastors, and he tries to establish these people, and over a period of time he may even give up that assembly because it is too far, and he cannot reach in time and as often as he wants, and if he could find a qualified pastor then he says, "I relinquish my position here and you are now the pastor. You are in charge of the tithes and the people, and I will only stand there as an advisor. If anything goes wrong in this assembly I reserve the right to walk right in and correct it, because I have my labors here for ten years, I led these sheep to the Lord and I am partly responsible for each one of them."

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**Question#201:**"What is the function and duty of the assistant pastor?"

**Answer:** He is the associate pastor to carry out the duties of the pastor in his absence. All the powers of the pastor are invested in the assistant pastor when the pastor is absent. I like the words, "Associate pastor". It's another term for assistant pastor. In other words, "You are a pastor just like me and we are associating together to run the church of God."

### **THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

**Quote:** *"The associate pastor to the Branham Tabernacle, is to perform and carry out the duties of the pastor, in his absence. To conduct worship services according to the manner of doctrine believed and practiced by the Branham Tabernacle. He shall be invested with the same power as the pastor is, meeting all responsibility of the church, and acting in full authority to keep the church in order. He is to manifest deep concern to all the burdens of the saints and fulfill the commission of which God has called him to, as a shepherd. He shall account at various times the progress of the church, spiritual matters present, and problems that may be pressing, to the pastor. He shall not undertake any business transactions without first presenting it to the pastor, the exact transaction."* (Operations of Church Offices).

Those are the words of the mighty prophet Elijah, and let that stand for Bethel the House Of God. **We are fully satisfied with our assistant pastor here at Bethel, named Brother Sookdeo Ramnarine, and just as it is stated here by the prophet of God, he functions in that capacity.** He comes under the burden of the saints, takes care of the problems when the pastor cannot meet them and we work together as one unit for the benefit of the saints of God. That's the function of the associate pastor.

### **ELDERS, DEACONS, TRUSTEES & TREASURERS**



**Deacons, of Bethel**

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**Question#202:** "Please explain the office of Elder."

**The word elder came from the Greek word, PRESBUTEROS.** *"Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery."* (1 Timothy 4:14). **All that Elder means is an aged person. The term is used naturally and religiously.** To an older person naturally, the Head of a City, Head of a Tribe, or Head of a country, politically. Naturally speaking, the elders represent wisdom, knowledge and understanding. They have more experience of life.

### **ELDER MEANS THE HEAD OF A CITY OR A TRIBE**

**Quote:** 291 *"Elder" means "the head of a city or the head of a tribe."*  
(Rev.Chap.4.Pt.2.24.Elders 61-0101).

The same term was employed also in religion even because Israel was a religious nation. The heads of the twelve tribes of Israel were called elders. Now it slipped over to the New Testament with the same term, and when it comes to Christianity, it changes from a political to a religious recognition, and the word elder was now being used, not by your age in this life of being an old man, but your maturity in the Lord. That is why the Bible says, if a man desires to be a bishop he must not be a novice. (1 Timothy 3:1-6). Novice means 'one young in Christian faith.'

**'ELDER' REFER TO A MAN'S CHRONOLOGICAL AGE IN THE LORD**

**Quote:** 197-2 *'elders' (presbyters)... 'Elder' always has and always will refer simply to a man's chronological age in the Lord... He is more seasoned, trained, not a novice, reliable because of experience and long standing proof of his Christian experience."* (Church Age Book Cpt.5).

To further prove all that I just said, in Revelation chapter four there were twenty-four elders who were twelve from the old testament and twelve from the new, which were the twelve patriarchs and twelve apostles. Do you notice that some of those men were apostles, prophets, teachers and evangelists? But here they were all called in a certain category (elders) even because they were sitting there as judges, which represents the custom of old Israel that used to judge the cases as elders, as in the case of Boaz and Ruth. So in the New Testament, as well as Old Testament time, the head of anything political or religious was termed 'elders',

The term elder addresses all the offices in the House of God. In one category, as long as you held an office and you are over something in the House of God, you were called elder. In Acts 20:28 all those offices of deacons, treasurers, trustees, bishops, pastors, teachers, evangelists, five-fold ministry and everything were referred to by Brother Paul as elders. *"And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. And when they were come to him, he said unto them... Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God."* (Acts 20: 17,18,28). Those were deacons and everybody who were responsible for the functioning of the churches in Ephesus.

"The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder... Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight." (1 Peter 5:1-2). Peter referred to the brethren down there and also himself as elders. John also called him an elder in Revelation 5:5. So now, although he was an apostle, he was addressed as an elder, and although a man was a deacon or an associate pastor he was addressed as an elder because those offices were given to matured men who had a little age in Christianity. That does not mean that they were eighty years of age.

*John was an apostle but he referred to himself as an elder: "The elder unto the elect lady." (2 John 1:1). "The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius." (3 John 1:1).* He was going down in age so he preferred to call one who is old in Christianity an elder. Brother Paul in Titus 1 said to ordain elders in every city. If elder is a specific office then where are the deacons and the other ministers. Paul meant to set up preachers, deacons, helps, government, and make the church fully equipped in every city.

So the word elder is used in different categories, in both the Old Testament and New Testament, to describe the head of the church, or any other office. Down to an apostle, pastor or a deacon could be called an elder, and the same word could be applied to the pastor as the head of the local body.

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**Question#203:**

**Heretical Article No. 153:**

"Please explain the office of a deacon? They exercise power over the pastor and the whole church."

**Answer:** Deacon came from the Greek word 'Diaconus' which means a 'ministrant.' In other words, a secondary servant. Jesus said *"The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister."* (Matthew 20:28). This is saying here that the deacons exercise power over the pastor, the whole church and nobody could tell him what to do. That's a Heresy.

### **THE OFFICE OF THE DEACONS**

**Quote:** *"The office of deacons, as elected according to the Word of God and the manner of the Branham Tabernacle, is **to act as an office of spiritual assistance to the pastors. They are to assist the pastors on all of his spiritual activities.** They are given free speech in presenting to the pastors any program or benefits that would bless the general and spiritual welfare of the church. They must be apt to teach, and ready to assist the pastor or associate pastor on every duty if called to do so. They shall assist in serving communion. They shall be acting ushers in all services. They shall police the church, in keeping civil order and conduct. They shall assist in taking local offerings. They shall oversee the spiritual conduct of the church in working with the pastor and one another on spiritual problems and matters of the saints. They shall be ready at anytime to assist the need of every saint who is*

*burdened and in need of spiritual consultation, or general welfare. **They have not the right to act upon any program or promotion without agreement with one another, the pastors, or the trustees if the program they are considering doing involves church funds. They will be responsible before God for their conduct and manner of service, according to the Word of God. They shall not have meeting among themselves without the pastor or associate pastor present.***" (Operations of Church offices).

Do you see how Brother Branham put it in here? I was talking about cottage meetings. Brother Branham knew the danger of that thing so he said "don't let these deacons even have meetings by themselves. The pastor or the assistant pastor got to be there." Why? Brother Branham knew those spirits, and he knew that it will divide the church. I don't have any such mistrust in our deacons here. These men have proven themselves. I am just answering this question here.

The first time we heard of in the Bible was after the outpouring came. There arose a murmuring amongst the Grecian women. They had a problem about not getting their food and drink in time. Then the Bible said "*Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.*" (Acts 6:3-4). So they chose out these men who had received the same article of Pentecost. These men were full of the Holy Ghost and they gave them the privilege to share out food for the quarreling women. This proves how the believers were endued with the Holy Ghost and Power. When that great outpouring comes people will still be grumbling and they'll still be fussing about the pastor, about the ministry and this and that.

The Bible said that this deacon must be apt to teach. One of the seven was Stephen. He went down there and found it convenient to give a great message, and the Bible said, "*Then there arose certain of the synagogue... disputing with Stephen. And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.*" (Acts 6:8-10). And he raked them down and he died as the first martyr.

One of those deacons was Phillip the Evangelist. He was apt to teach, and the Bible said that this deacon being full of the Holy Ghost went down to Samaria and cast out demons left and right, worked miracles, signs and wonders of all kind, and, after he left there an angel picked him up, took him to a certain place, he baptized a eunuch and the angel picked him up and he was nowhere to be found. (Acts 8:5-8, 26-40). Now that's the **operation of a Bible deacon**, invested with what they received on the day of Pentecost; the full power of the Holy Ghost. He can preach the Gospel and he must meet all the requirements of 1st Timothy chapter 3 and Titus 1.

His duties are to keep order in the church: he is a policeman. He must also attend to the spiritual welfare of the saints under the direction of the pastor. He must work with the pastor and the associate-pastor. He is responsible for communion, he is an usher and he takes care of food and raiment. In other words, he is an all-rounder for anything that the pastor wants him to do. If the church is not cleaned he picks up a broom and starts cleaning it. If the pastor says go and meet this certain person and speak to him, he goes over there. He's working under the direction of the pastor. If

the pastor says to go and try to bring a message tonight, he goes and starts bringing a message. That's a **Holy Ghost apostolic deacon**.

With all the powers that are invested in this deacon to work along as a pal with the pastor, this deacon has no power over the pastor, he has no power to act on his own in any program in the house of God without the sanction of the pastor. He cannot tell the pastor what to do in the house of God because the pastor is the full and complete authority in the house of God.

### **THE PASTOR OVER DEACON BOARD, SWITCH POSITION OF OFFICER**

**Quote: 1199-63 And now to the pastor, to our Brother Neville, at this time. Remember, he is the full head of the church. Brother Neville has the right to exercise any authority that the Holy Spirit would , tell him to say, in other words. In the church, he has the right to anything that God would lead him to do. He also has the right over his deacon board. He can change the deacon board, the trustees, or pianist, or any other office in the church that he desires to change, feeling led by the Holy Spirit to do so. And whatever he does, I will recognize it, as he (I believe) to be a godly man. I will recognize it to be of the Lord, and will sanction the same, therefore it gives him the authority then to operate the church the way he feels led to do it. Now, or, any office in the church, that he desires to switch positions of people, for he has the authority to do that. (Church Order 58-1006).**

Now when you have more than one deacon, you have what we call a deacon board; and this deacon board in organization tries to run the church as the soul authority of the church through "Democracy" by getting the people together and saying, "Do you vote for that?" In other words, "Should the women wear pants? We put a vote on if the women should wear pants." Yes! "Should they wear mini-skirts? Do you want this pastor who just corrected us on the Word of God?" The deacon comes up there and throws out the pastor for preaching the Bible. **Now that's a deacon board from hell, and that same system they want to bring under this message.** That's a heretical deacon board, and Brother Branham encountered that in his day and suffered very much:

### **PASTORS TURNED AWAY BECAUSE OF DEACON BOARDS**

**Quote: 187" I've seen good pastors turned away from churches, because the deacon board said, "Now, look here, reverend... we never hired you to come here and blast at us all morning. We've set the time of twenty minutes; the bell rings, and you better be through." ... I'd like to have the privilege of telling them what I think about them, and what the Word says about them." (Unfailing Realities Of God 60-0626).**

**DEACON BOARD HAS NOT ONE THING TO DO WITH THAT PASTOR**  
**Quote:** 336-276 *"Somebody around this country somewhere is guilty of writing some cards to move Brother Neville out of this pulpit. You're going to have to settle that with me... It said the something about the deacon board. **The deacon board has not one thing to do with that pastor. No, sir.** The congregation in full has all the authority. It isn't... **A deacon board's just a policeman here in this church, just to keep order and so forth.** But when it comes to rules, the whole church has to say so."* (Hebrews Chapter 7 Pt.2 Church Order 57-0922).

There isn't any deacon board could tell the pastor what to do. The pastor with the congregation makes the decision on any matters in the house of God. The congregation doesn't decide whether I have to preach against pants, or preach against any kind of heresies. No, that is my business with the Lord. Other matters they are involved. So this is the same system they are trying to bring into the house of God. It cannot work, that's an organizational spirit, and any church in the message that is running under those conditions is an organization. When you let a deacon board tell the pastor what to do and when the Pastor tries to establish something in the house of God, they want to put it on a vote, my brother it's dead organization, and it should not be done. The deacon board is not over the money or nothing like that.

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**Question#204:**

**Heretical Article No. 154:**

"Please explain the office of treasurer? Some think that they should have control of all the funds and not the pastor."

**Answer: Absolutely not!** In the Old Testament we had treasurers. **In the New Testament Judas was the treasurer but Jesus directed the spending.** *"Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly... For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor."* (John 1:27-29). So the treasurer has no business over that money; he cannot spend one penny without the direction of the pastor. He is the one to keep the funds.

### **THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER**

**Quote:** *"The responsibility of the treasurer is to provide an exact account of the financial status of the present funds in the treasury. This report is to made available to the pastor or the board of trustees, upon their request of such a report. No other office in the church may have access to this information. He may obtain such information from the trustees report given to him by the treasurer. The treasurer shall sit in on every trustee meeting to take notes and minutes of actions taken by the board of trustees. **He has not the authority to convey or acknowledge the financial status information to any acting office in the church but the pastor or***

**board of trustees.** *He shall not be a consultant in spiritual matters, nor is it of need that he should attend meetings of the deacons. Unless asked to by the pastor.* (Operations of church offices).

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**Question#205:**

**Heretical Article No. 155:**

"Please explain the office of the trustees, as the pastor obeys him."

**Answer:** The trustees are the businessmen of the church to protect the church's finance. That means that **he is there to make sure that the money is spent wisely, but he is under the direction of the pastor.** He has no power over the money to make any decision whatsoever of how to spend that money. If that pastor walks up one day and says to give this man ten thousand dollars, that trustee must not open his mouth; that treasurer must not open his mouth. The pastor has the full authority. That's the power that is invested in that shepherd. God trusts the shepherd with the souls of the people and he trusts him with his money. They have no power over the pastor.

#### **THE OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES**

**Quote:** *"The body of men, shall govern the welfare of the church as a business group. They are elected to protect the church in it's finicial matters, it's business investments, the supervision of it's properties, and it's expenditures. They shall strongly consider every move of progress, step by step, which involves church funds. For they shall be responsible to keep the church from indebtedness, and the saints from burdens that are too great to bear financially. In the undertaking of any project, regardless what it is, they are to bring the matter to the pastor, consultation by the pastor, consultation by the pastor only for every financial project the church wishes to invest or engage itself therein is absolutely required."* (Operation of Church offices).

That's Elijah has spoken and he said, "That's the function of the trustees. They have no power over the money; they are the businessmen of the church."

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**Question#206:**

**Heretical Article No. 156:**

"Please explain the office of bishop? Some say no other ministry,

**Answer:** The word bishop comes from the Greek word, "e-p-i-s-k-a-p-o-s, and it is translated to mean "overseer" or "superintendent". "This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work."(1 Timothy :1). Now there are

variations of bishops. You could call the pastor a bishop because he is an overseer of the local body; you could call a man who is over several churches a bishop, and you could call another man who is over many assemblies a bishop. That will be a general overseer. Brother Paul was a general overseer of many churches, pastors and preachers, and Brother Branham fully declared himself as the general overseer of the Branham Tabernacle.

## **PAUL - THE GENERAL OVERSEER OF CHURCHES THROUGHOUT ASIA**

**Quote:** 754-47 *Quote: 754-47 "Paul... the general overseer of this whole group of churches throughout Asia." (Taking Sides With Jesus 62-0601). (Taking Sides With Jesus 62-0601).*

## **I'M JUST THE GENERAL OVERSEER OF THE CHURCH**

**Quote:** 354-9 *"And as the general overseer of the church, I must see that it's kept Scripturally, everything right on the Word." (Placing Of Deacons 58-0720e).*

Similar quotations can be found on: *"Total Deliverance 59-0712, Key To The Door 62-1007 and Marriage and divorce 65-0221m."* I want this to be a sheep's manual, to examine the ministers and determine who is a shepherd and who is a hireling. With this effort, I am trying to take straight down from the five-fold ministry, right down to the deacon, bring it down to the operation of gifts, bring it right down to the general operation of the entire church and right down to the janitor. When it falls into a man's hand he could operate a church and it becomes a manual to him. He could look back and see what to do here, what to do out there, how to do this and how to do the next. We are going to support this with the scriptures, with Brother Branham's words and we are going to put it where not a man moves from that. If it falls into sheep's hands, they got to know who they are sitting under.

## **DIVERS GIFTS AND THEIR OPERATIONS**

Tonight, we are about to approach a very vital subject in the form of questions and answers again, and that is concerning "Spiritual gifts and their Operations". We must realize that much fanaticism is built around this subject. The bible speaks of lying signs and wonders in the end-time, and today the entire religious world is deceived by lying signs and wonders, especially in the so-called Pentecostal realms. Everybody professes to have a healing and miracle ministry. I want to prove by some of these questions and answers, the root of all this fanaticism that has produced Matthew 24:24 in the end-time, fulfillment of Bible Prophecy.

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**Question#207:**"Is there a difference of gifts of Ephesians 4: 11-15 and 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, and what are the differences?"

**Answer:Yes. The gifts of Ephesians 4 and the gifts recorded in 1 Corinthians 12 are different.** The gifts in Ephesians 4 of Apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists and pastors are office gifts which have to do with the Word of God, bringing the truth to the Church of God, protecting the church from false teachings, from heresies and from false prophets. They are responsible for handling the Word of God, whereas the gifts which are normally called divers gifts of 1 Corinthians 12, have to do with the manifestations of the Spirit and the operation of the supernatural in the church of God because God is a supernatural God and his works are supernatural. These gifts are operated by the Church of Christ that He inaugurated on the day of Pentecost. These gifts were to accompany the church unto the end of the world and identify the true church of God and the believers of the gospel. *"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."* (Mark 16:17-18). *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."* (St. John 14:12). So the gifts recorded of in 1 Corinthians 12 are manifestations of the supernatural God working supernatural signs, wonders and miracles amongst His people, to prove that He is a living God amongst His people with living signs and living wonders.

The Offices of Ephesians 4 handle the Word of God and in addition, these men who handle the Word of God as Apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists and pastors are equipped with the gifts of 1 Corinthians 12. Not only Office gifts to take the dead letter of the Word and tell you what the bible says, but for these men to prove what they are preaching is the truth and the true gospel of Jesus Christ, they are equipped with the divers gifts so they work together. *"They went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen."* (Mark 16:20).

In addition to these gifts given to the offices of Ephesians 4, these gifts are in the church of God and belong to the Church of God.

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**Question#208:**"Some teach that there are only nine gifts of the Spirit-1 Corinthians 12."

It is commonly believed and preached that there are nine gifts of the Spirit, even because in 1 Corinthians 12 nine gifts are recorded, but **there is no scripture in the Bible to limit God and His Spirit to nine gifts of the Spirits.** Where people make the mistakes is they have counted out nine gifts of the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11, but there are scriptures that bear out that there other gifts of the Spirit.

"Now there are **diversities of gifts**, but the same Spirit... But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the **word of wisdom**; to another the **word of knowledge** by the same Spirit; To another **faith** by the same Spirit; to another the **gifts of healing** by the same Spirit; To another the **working of miracles**; to another prophecy; to another **discerning of spirits**; to another **divers kinds of tongues**; to another the **interpretation of tongues**: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will." (1 Corinthians 12:4-11). Nine gifts are recorded in 1 Corinthians 12, but nowhere in this chapter says that God is limited to nine gifts of the Spirit. The 31st verse clarifies this.

*"But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way."*

**There is a Gift in the bible that is greater than those nine gifts recorded in 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11, and that is the gift of Charity.** Brother Paul magnified that gift of Charity above the nine gifts, **and if we were to add the nine gifts to the one described in the 31st verse, that makes it ten**, and yet I will bring scriptures to show you that there are more than ten. 1 Corinthians 13 says that Charity is the greatest gift and that charity is love and God is love. The greatest gift that a man could have is the giver of the gifts himself abiding in him and the Prophet of God said that the people have the gifts but they do not have the giver of the gifts.

### GIFTS WITHOUT THE GIVER

**Quote:** E-66 *"But you see Pentecostal people, you're going after gifts instead of the Giver... God vindicates His gifts. God proves His gifts. But what is the gift without the Giver?... That's what the matter today." (Where I Think Pentecost Failed 55-1111).*

Brother Paul was straightening that out. He spoke of so many gifts over here but then he was showing you that there is a greater gift that every man must have in order to live in that new world and qualify as a Christian. *"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the GIFT of the Holy Ghost."* (Acts 2:38). I am pointing out to you a GIFT of the Holy Ghost, so we are not limited to nine. It is not wrong to say nine divers gifts but we have to put it in the right context. The Prophet of God spoke of nine divers gifts, but he also said that there are many other gifts.

I will take the opportunity here to show you some other gifts in the Bible. **"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness."** (Romans 12:6-8).

**Is exhortation a gift? Is giving a gift?** ["Congregation says, "Amen!"] Everybody doesn't have the spirit to give. They will die and leave everything to the Government and not make a Will. Misers until they go into the box. They don't have that love in

their hearts to give. **Ruling is a gift.** Everybody cannot rule. **Mercy is a gift,** down in the heart. All these gifts are within the church.

Faith for your salvation is a gift. "**For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.**" (Ephesians 2:8). "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the **faith of Jesus Christ,** even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ." (Galatians 2:16). **That faith in itself is a gift. Now on this basis, the gifts of God could go into the millions, if we should start counting the gifts of God and put them into this category.** What about singing? What about music? Did the Lord create Lucifer with his pipes and his organs in him? Well, those were gifts that were imparted unto Lucifer. There are gifts unto Angels. If you would start counting the gifts of God they could end up in the millions and billions. Why some person could take up a pencil and draw something so accurate and the next fellow cannot do it? It's the blessing and the gift of God. Why one person could jump on an instrument and just keep playing and never did go to school and somebody try from now until they die and they never had an ear for music. An ear for music is a gift, but when you learn it from a book and you have to put your eyes on that book and they have to teach you which key to press and all these things, that is not a gift. That is just school learning or knowledge of some kind

### **HE WAS BORN THAT WAY. IT'S JUST A GIFT**

**Quote:** E-12 "So he picked up a piece of gas pipe back there and blowed the "Star Spangled Banner" through that gas pipe like that... **That boy don't need a music lesson. He was born that way. It's just a gift.**" (At thy Word 53-1204).

### **IT'S A GIFT THAT COMES FROM GOD**

**Quote:** E-14 "It's a gift that comes from God... **just like a gift to sing,** a gift to do anything; it's gifts." (Workings Of The Holy Spirit 56-0816).

We could go on naming many gifts in the scriptures that even the people had in the Old Testament times. **Some gifts used to run in the family.** For instance, like the high priest. God gave the high priest a certain line. His son was the next high priest - his grandson and on down. Then you come to the Levites, it was a chosen family. Then you had the Aaronic Priesthood. Then you had the Leviticus Priesthood and then certain people were chosen to do certain things in the House of God and in the Tabernacle of witness in the wilderness and the Lord named them out.

Look at David; he had a certain gift to play on a harp that when an evil spirit came upon Saul, he sent for him and he played on that harp and the evil spirit went away. So there are many gifts in the scriptures.

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**Question#209:**"Can you please identify each gift of 1 Corinthians 12 in the scriptures and explain their operation?"

We would try. 1 Corinthians 12: 8-10 is where these gifts are in the New Testament and you have Number 1, **the gift of Wisdom**, 2nd, the gift of **knowledge**, then the gift of **faith**. Then notice in your bible carefully, gifts of healing, **not singular gift** of healing, **but gifts of healing**. **I wonder if we can still call it nine with that?** Gift of **Miracles**, gift of **Prophecy**. **Another gift is discerning of spirits, divers kinds of tongues, interpretations of Tongues**, and I will still put in the last one here, 1 Corinthians 12:31, **Charity**.

**To try to divide these gifts of the spirit, in a scriptural manner we must go back to the bible** to see where they were used, and then you will be going right. We must be able to identify them and the best way to ever preach anything and tie in down in the scripture is to take the Word of God, go back and see where it happened in the Bible, then you know that you are going right. Not the dictionary, not the Bible School friends, not your own imagination, not what somebody told you or what you imagine. No, we were taught by the Prophet of God that there is a 'Keystone of the Bible' and that is to go back to the beginning, to see how it was done.

### **THE KEYSTONE OF THE BIBLE - GOD NEVER CHANGES**

**Quote: 66-3 "The Keystone of the Bible. It is the revelation that God never changes, and that His ways are as unchangeable as He is... What He did at the FIRST He will have to keep on doing until it is done for the LAST time. There will never be a change... What God did in the first church age is what He wants to do in all other ages." (Church Ages Book).**

### **THE GIFT OF WISDOM**

**Every gift that is given to you is a supernatural ability.** That is the difference with natural gifts and supernatural gifts. We are speaking of supernatural gifts and its a supernatural ability. **The gift of wisdom is the sense and understanding to handle natural and spiritual affairs of life**, to handle people, how to deal with them, to judge between good and evil, and between brothers and sisters. This was displayed and properly established in the life of Solomon. He was the wisest King on earth. *"And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches... but hast asked **wisdom** and knowledge for thyself, that **thou mayest judge my people**, over whom I have made thee king: Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee."*(2 Chronicles 1:11-12). Now see how this wisdom was displayed.

*"And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. Then spake the woman whose the living child [was] unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.*

*Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof. **And all Israel heard of the judgment** which the king had judged; and they feared the king: **for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.**" (1 Kings 3:24-27).*

So wisdom judged between two women. That wisdom is placed in the church of God in the New Testament. That was Old Testament Wisdom.

We could see the wisdom of God, who was wisdom himself, Jesus Christ, a prophet of God; he is called wisdom over in the book of Proverbs. They came to him with hard questions. At that time the Lord put the right thoughts and the right answers into the mind and that person doesn't have to go back and search in a book or something. They come under inspiration and "the right answer is from the Lord", the scripture says.

***"Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk.** And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master... Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. **When they had heard these words, they marvelled and left him, and went their way.**" (Matthew 22: 15-22). Wisdom caused Him not to commit himself to say whether to pay tax or not. If he had said to pay tax, the poor people will cry in shame because the taxes were too heavy.*

There were many other instances where that wisdom was displayed. Like the time they wanted to stone the adulterous woman. The law said all adulterers and fornicators shall be stoned, but wisdom was so great that it even surpassed the law. He said, *"Let him that is without sin cast the first stone."* He could not tell them that they were wrong because Moses said that in the Word of God, but Wisdom. "He that winneth souls is wise." He won that soul.

Another instance, we take Brother Paul. These men were gifted with wisdom and you could look at his wisdom standing before the Sanhedrin. *"And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day...But **when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.** For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both. And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God."* (Acts 23:1,6-9). He divided the whole thing and they start fighting and Brother Paul was okay. The wisdom of God. The Bible said, *"For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist."* (Luke 21:15).

Now the Wisdom of the Lord was wrapped up in parables. That wisdom lived on for two thousand years and it took another man with wisdom today to come and unravel them. Malachi 4:5-6 was wisdom himself. God gave the wisdom to unravel them. God gave him the wisdom, the knowledge and the understanding. And over in the Book of Acts 6:9-10 there was a disputation between Stephen and the Libertines, Cyrenians and Alexandrians. And the Bible said, "*And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake*"; and when they could not do that they had to kill the man. **That gift of wisdom is so great that there was not a question that came up that he could not answer right away. God gave him the wisdom. They tried to catch him on this point and he shut them up, he closed up this avenue here, he defeated them on this side. You talking about learned men he was dealing with. A man cannot think, fabricate and get those answers so quickly in his mind. Because of that wisdom that the Lord endued him with, he just answered their questions, one by one, and nobody could have resisted him.**

### THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE

*"And though I have the gift of prophecy, and **understand all mysteries, and all knowledge**; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:2).* The gift of knowledge is that **the Lord gives you a spiritual ability to understand the scriptures**: "*Knowledge to understand all mysteries.*" You have knowledge to catch on to things quickly and to understand the scriptures. You are able to tie the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation, and a next man will keep on asking those questions: "What about this, what about that, I can't understand this and I can't understand that", but then because of that knowledge a man is able to tie the scripture from Genesis to Revelation.

God sent a prophet with knowledge. He gave him that knowledge to understand the Word of God. In order for a next man to understand that and to tie that word of God down in an effective way to shut the mouth of the critics, he must also have the gift of knowledge. Everybody doesn't have that. It must be given to you. Then that person doesn't go and cram a set of books and then people want to know how that man does that. "He doesn't cram a set of books, he never came from a bible school, he never went to university and he could answer those questions in the bible and place it here and place it there. Now, that is a gift of knowledge.

Can we point out a man like that in the scripture who had a gift of knowledge and who knew the scriptures? We could point out many. Jesus. "*And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, **the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD.***" (Isaiah 11:1-3).

Brother Paul had so much knowledge, that the scripture said, "*Brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his*

epistles, **speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood**, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction." (2 Peter: 15-16).

The bible said in Acts 18:24-28: "*And a certain Jew named **Apollos**, born at Alexandria, an **eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures**, came to Ephesus... And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, **they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly**. And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: **For he mightily convinced the Jews** and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ." He had a knowledge of the word of God, but yet he lacked a certain knowledge about the coming of Christ, and Aquila and Priscilla his wife passed by and called him aside and expounded the word to him more clearly. Aquila preached and his wife confirmed it by her testimony.*

## THE GIFT OF FAITH

*"And though I have all **faith, so that I could remove mountains**, and have not charity, (Love, capstone, Jesus, Holy Ghost) I am nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:2). **"If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."** (Matthew 17:20). Faith to remove mountains. So now faith is a gift. Tell the mountain to move then somebody. You don't have that gift of faith. If you have that gift of faith you will be able to manifest it, and you don't need much faith, just as a grain of a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds. Moses had that gift of faith. He didn't tell the mountain to move into the sea, but he told the sea to roll back and many other signs and wonders. It took faith in Moses' heart to do that.*

In the New Testament, Jesus had that gift of faith. He just walked right out upon the waters. "*And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, **O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?**" (Matthew 14:28-31). So now faith will cause you to walk on the waters. Faith will cause you to roll back the sea, it will cause you to open the Jordan. So now, right through the scripture is the gift of faith. In the New Testament that gift of faith is greater than in the Old Testament.*

Brother Branham had a gift of faith. By that gift of faith the Lord told him to speak these squirrels into existence, and he just spoke them, and he related that to *Mark 11:23, "whosoever shall say unto this mountain..."* **Now that's the kind of faith that the church is coming to; a gift of faith that is more superior than all the other faith in the Old Testament.**

## THAT ANOINTING WILL STRIKE THE WHOLE CHURCH

**Quote:** E-62 "Quote: E-62 "I believe that the church of the living God is moving into a sphere now that's going to shake the whole world... **"Ask anything that you will, and it shall be given unto you, anything you desire."**...Oh, it's going to come to pass pretty soon... that anointing will strike the whole church of the living God, and she'll rise to her feet like a mighty marching army. The sick will be healed by a word; the blind will see; the deaf will hear; the dead will be raised up; and the power of God will shake the world with the church of the living God." (Speak To This Mountain 59-1123).now that's going to shake the whole world... "Ask anything that you will, and it shall be given unto you, anything you desire."...Oh, it's going to come to pass pretty soon... that anointing will strike the whole church of the living God, and she'll rise to her feet like a mighty marching army. **The sick will be healed by a word;** the blind will see; the deaf will hear; the dead will be raised up; and the power of God will shake the world with the church of the living God." (Speak To This Mountain 59-1123).

## GIFTS OF HEALING - HEALING IS IN PLURAL, GIFTS

**Quote:** E-40 "And if you'll notice in the Bible, **healing is in plural, gifts, g-i-f-t-s, gifts of healings.**" (Angel and the commission 50-0821).

Now, it says gifts of healing and the prophet of God specified that 's'. Now, Jesus had that ministry of healing, Paul had that ministry of healing, and the angel of the Lord came down to Brother Branham and said, "I am sent from the Presence of God, of Almighty God, to tell you that your peculiar birth and life has been to indicate that you're to take this gift of Divine healing to the people's of the world." (At thy Word Lord 48-0305).

The only way that I could relate these gifts of healing is that I noticed that Brother Branham had a gift of healing phase one, and he had a sign in his hand, and that was one type of healing ministry. Then it went a little higher to discernment and that was another type of healing ministry by another gift. And then it went up a little higher to the speak the Word and that was another healing ministry and another kind of gift. So, 'gifts of healing.'

## THE WORKING OF MIRACLES

Gifts of miracles. All these things belong to the New Testament church and we must see them before the rapture takes place.

**Anything beyond human ability is a miracle.** Moses performed ten miracles in the land of Egypt and by another miracle opened the red sea. Jesus raised Lazarus who was four days dead, rotten and stinking and he walked upon the waters. The shadow of the Apostle fell upon the sick and they were healed. (Acts 5:15). He did not even lay hands upon them; by just his shadow they were healed. **And in the case of Brother Branham, he did not even have to put his shadow, he just spoke the word and they were healed.** So Brother Branham was an example of wisdom, he

was a example today of knowledge, he was an example of the gift of faith, gifts of healing and the gift of miracles.

There was an accident; a car turned over and pinned a man and was squeezing him to death. Brother Branham prayed and the car just flipped over back on its four wheels and the man came out. I believe in miracles.

## GIFT OF PROPHECY

Prophecy means to foretell. This gift belongs in the church of God, and can go from one to the next. We have many examples in the Old Testament where people prophesied and several in the New Testament, so nobody should be in doubt concerning this gift and how it operates. Mary was pregnant with the Lord Jesus and she went down there to meet Elisabeth, and Elisabeth she prophesied about what she had in her womb, never told about that. (Luke 1: 39- 45).

Zacharias prophesied at the birth of John. (Luke 1: 67-79). Simeon walked over there and he prophesied about the baby, and Anna, a prophetess and a blind woman who could not see now, walked right over and prophesied likewise. (Luke 2:25-38). Prophecy is foretelling things that your human knowledge really cannot figure out

Another example of prophecy could be found in *Acts 13:2-3*: "*As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid [their] hands on them, they sent them away.*" That belongs in the church of God.

## PROPHECIES MUST NOT BE VAIN REPITITIONS

**Quote:** 880-39 "**Now, we all know that the Lord is coming; we're aware of that.** And if Brother Neville got up each night and said, "Behold, the Lord is coming. Behold, the Lord is coming," that would be all right. See?... **prophecy, or a prophet speaking; that's something that's not written in the Word...** Like, for instance, "Tell Brother Wheeler, **THUS SAITH THE LORD**, 'Tomorrow, in his sand pit, not to go to it, because there'll be a truck turn over,'" or something like that, and it's got to be done. (Church Order 63-1226).

Prophecy is not coming up here and saying, "Yea, the Lord is coming soon." No! It is foretelling something. "*And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: **which came to pass** in the days of Claudius Caesar.*" (Acts 11:28).

*"A certain prophet, named Agabus... he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the*

***hands of the Gentiles." (Acts 21:10-11). And it happened. Paul was bound by the Jews taken to Rome and he died as a martyr.***

Here is another example of prophecy: *"But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things."* (Acts 5:3-5). Now Brother Branham prophesied Brothers and Sisters, and he stated clearly that that is coming back to the church of God one day. If you have that lying spirit in you get rid of that now. You are going to die in the House of God. Judgment begins at the House of God.

### **SPIRITUAL GIFTS TO KEEP THE CHURCH CLEAN-ANANIAS & SAPPHIRA**

**Quote:** E-15 *"Then these other nine different spiritual gifts should be operating in the church to keep the church clean. Like the Ananias and Sapphiras and so forth, the Spirit of God rise up and call somebody out and tell them they're living wrong, and rebuke that sin openly, and that's what the Holy Spirit is in the church for, to keep the church clean and ready for the coming of the Lord." (What It Takes To Overcome All Unbelief 60-0729).*

**Quote:** 60 *"You know, the hour will soon arise when right among us the Holy Spirit will speak out like It did in Ananias and Sapphira." (Communion 65-1212).*

### **GIFT OF DISCERNING OF SPIRITS**

**Discerning of spirits is to have a supernatural knowledge to understand if that is the right spirit or the wrong spirit.** Notice when the people came before Brother Branham, he said, "I am talking to you to contact your spirit." He had a greater gift than the discerning of spirits. That was a different gift operating but it was operating in that measure also.

That man who the Lord bless to discern spirits, he don't always speak that. He talk's to you and laughs but there is something down in there that he discerns that, that spirit is not a Christian spirit, that spirit is not right; that man's motives and objectives is not right. Yes, discerning of spirits, to judge whether it's a spirit of a demon, or the Spirit of the Lord.

The bible gives you certain measures by which to discern that spirit.

*"Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." (1 Corinthians 12:3).* If a man is not blessed with that gift, he goes around as a **carnal judge, an imitator, imposter, and trying to call out different**

**spirits. Those who play prophets, go to certain churches, start looking around and say, "There are evil spirits in here". Like I said before, right now there are several evil spirits here.**

Where do you find that in the scripture that a man discerns a man's spirit, Brother Bruce? Phillip the evangelist preached and, oh my, he was so happy, he converted the sorcerer. Peter went down there and talked to him a little bit and after he finished speak, he said, *"For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity."* (Acts 8:23). Discernment of spirits.

Brother Paul was trying to convert a proconsul and a man named Barjesus came around and tried to turn the proconsul away from the gospel. *"Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, [thou] child of the devil, [thou] enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord [is] upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand."* (Acts 13: 8-11). That is returning to the house of the Lord.

Brother Branham had discernment of spirits in a measure that many of the apostles never had. You talk about visions and dreams. He was in a Pentecostal meeting one time and they were prophesying and interpreting and everything was going real good. He came around there and shook one of the men's hand, and his spirit did not bear witness with him. He said, "I will talk with him a little bit to find out. The Lord gave me a little gift to find out." He spoke with him and a vision broke before Brother Branham, and the man was an adulterer.

## **DIVERS KINDS OF TONGUES**

*"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."* (1 Corinthians 13:1). Divers kinds of tongues are actually tongues of men and tongues of angels. In other words, several tongues. Today you might speak in German, tomorrow you might speak in Japanese and another day you might speak in an angelic tongue. On the day of Pentecost, they spoke languages and the people who heard said, *"How hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?"* (Acts 2:8). That also happened in the ministry of Brother Branham in Mexico he was speaking to a Spanish speaking person and then in speaking she said, *"I thought he couldn't speak Spanish." And the interpreter said, "You spoke English, did you not, Brother Branham?" I said, "I did." He said, "Well, she said you spoke Spanish."... The Holy Spirit speaking English was interpreting it to her in Spanish.* (E-5 Be certain of God 59-0412A).

They had tongues of men and Angels. Boy I tell you, I want that. You speak, and different people from different languages could hear you; you don't need an interpreter. That would be wonderful.

Now don't you forget that the **seven thunders was in an unknown language, and the one that was holding that was Revelation 10:1; tongues of men and angels. Brother Branham said, "There's one thing that I cannot interpret, because it's in an unknown language..." "I looked for the interpretation that flew across there, and I couldn't make it out." (Seals Book pages 563,567).**

## **INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES**

A person could have both, tongues, and interpretation and those who have tongues must try to pray that they are given the gift of interpretation the bible says ( *1 Corinthians 14:13*). So, a message goes out in tongues, let's say in Japanese, and then that stops, and when that stops then the Spirit falls and speaks in English and interprets what the Japanese language or the Chinese just said. So it's an interpretation now. Tongues and interpretation equal prophesy.

### **TONGUES INTERPRETED EQUALS PROPHECY**

**Quote:** *11 "But if they speak in tongues and then interpret it, it becomes prophecy. (Broken cisterns 65-0123).*

Tongues speaking is just not a big pack of nonsense; the reason tongues are being spoken it is bringing a message to the church, and bringing a message to the church it is of no value to the church until you have an interpreter. One brother could have both tongue and interpretation, and the next fellow on this side could have tongues only. He speaks in tongues, waits on the Spirit a little bit, and then this fellow rises up from this corner here, interprets that tongue and brings a message. Now that equals prophesy.

### **YOU ARE HEARING IN THE LANGUAGE YOU WERE BORN IN**

**Quote:** *619-122 "I do not believe that the interpreter is interpreting the language of the person. I believe that the Spirit is present and the interpreter is prophesying. I believe he is a prophet instead of an interpreter if he does not hear the voice in his own lang..." "How hear we every man in our own language wherein we were born?" See, you've got to hear in the same; you've got to hear it in English... And if you're speaking in an unknown tongue, and interpreting, you're hearing in the language that you were born in, because that's the only way you can interpret what they're saying; because the Holy Spirit has interpreted it to you, and you're just speaking for the Holy Spirit." (God being misunderstood 61-0723E).*

An example of where tongues were interpreted in the scriptures was in the days of Belshazzar. There came a writing of tongues over his throne and nobody could interpret. No doubt, an angel came with his finger and wrote there, "MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN." The king buckled and he brought in all the obeh men, astrologers, the Chaldeans and the soothsayers. None of them could interpret that. Then somebody came and said, "O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble

*thee, nor let thy countenance be changed: There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him... let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation."* And they brought in Daniel. And the king said, "Art thou that Daniel that was in the days of my father Nebuchadnezzar?" He said, "I am." "Can thou make known the meaning of this writing on the wall?" Then Daniel answered and said before the king, *Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation."* The Lord had already told him the secret, yes, and he told him the secret he said, "king, Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain and the kingdom was taken by the Medes and Persian, Iran and Iraq in that time. (Daniel 5).

Jesus spoke in tongues on the cross. *"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This [man] calleth for Elias."* (Matthew 27:46-47). Those devils there could not understand what he was saying. The scribe got that interpretation later, no doubt, and he said what it meant. Jesus died speaking in tongues. Then on the day of Pentecost they spoke in tongues. So tongues are for a sign.

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**Question#210:**"Can a man besides Jesus and Brother Branham operate all of the nine divers gifts of the Spirit?"

**Answer:** Now I want to say that the scripture does not specify whether a man can have all divers gifts. But I believe that it is possible for a man to have all divers gifts, or even a woman to have all these nine divers gifts. And in 1Corinthians 12:11 says, *But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.* Now the one that determines who is going to get either one gift or two or three or nine, is the Spirit. It's the Holy Ghost that determines who is going to get the gifts and how many. Dividing severally unto every man severally as he will. Even women can get those gifts of the Spirit, so it's not just men that can get these gifts.

### **WOMEN CAN OCCUPY ONE OR ANY OF THOSE NINE SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

**Quote:** 49 024 *"But women are gifted with prophecy, and gifted with tongues and interpretations, and everything but being preachers. They're not to be preachers. They're forbidden to preach in the churches (That's right.), take the place, or be a teacher, or anything in the church. But as far as gifts, the woman has all those, can occupy one or any of those nine spiritual gifts according to I Corinthians 12, and is under no bondage that her message should not come forth in its place. You see,*

each message waits for its time." (Patmos Vision 60-1204E). Women cannot have any of the five office gifts.

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## Question#211:

## Heretical Article No. 157:

"Some teach that if you have the gift of tongues or another gift, you have the Holy Ghost; Is this true?"

**Answer:** No, it's a lie, because a man could have all the gifts that we just went through and not have charity, which is love, which is God, which is the thing they received on the day of Pentecost, the Outpouring, which is the fullness of God. Therefore tongues is not the evidence of the Holy Ghost; it is the least of all gifts, and it is not the initial evidence of the Holy Spirit. A man could manifest all the gifts of the Spirit and yet not have the Seal of God, the baptisms of the Holy Spirit.

### **NONE OF THOSE THINGS ARE THE SIGN YOU GOT IT**

**Quote:** E-33 *"I know I heard him speak in tongues; I know he's got it, I seen him heal the sick. He saw a vision; he had a revelation. Oh, preach, you never heard a man preach like that." None of those things are the sign you got it. Paul said, "Though I speak with tongues like men and angels. Though I have the gift of prophesy, I understand all the knowledge and wisdom of the Bible, and everything, I am nothing." Jesus said, "Many will come to Me in that day under this same theology in faith." And say, "Well now, haven't I cast out devils in Your Name? And in Your Name have I preached, prophesied? I've done many mighty works." He will say, "Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity, I don't even know you." (Mark of Christ 55-0312).*

The prophet of God is stating here and bringing St Matthew 7 to prove that you could manifest all the gifts of the spirits, as outlined to you here, and don't have the true article of Pentecost. So you could preach, prophesy, heal the sick and do all these things and do not have it

### **THAT'S NOT FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT; THAT'S THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT**

**Quote:** E-33 *"Oh, you can say, "Now, Brother Branham, I tell you: I know what I've got it because I can pray for the sick and they can be healed. Brother Branham, God just revealed the Word to me like this, and that, and the other. I have a knowledge of the Word. You're wrong. I heal the sick. I speak with tongues. I do these things. I cast out devils." Jesus said, "Many will come to Me in that day with that same story: 'Lord, haven't I cast out devils in Your Name. Have I not prophesied in Your Name? In Your Name, have I done many mighty works?' And then I will confess to them, 'Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity. I don't even know you.'" That kind of changes the picture, doesn't it, brother?...Don't never look at a man by what he can*

*do in the sign of works. That's where he's nothing. He might heal the sick. He might have gifts of prophecy. He might understand all the knowledge...Prophecy is good; speaking in tongues is right. Interpretations is right. Shouting is right. But you can do those things without being first fundamentally baptized into Christ...That's not fruits of the Spirit; that's the gifts of the Spirit....Through faith you can do great things and yet not be borned again of the Spirit of God. Be careful there. It's a danger line, Pentecostal people." (Position Of A Believer In Christ 55-0227a).*

Similar quotations can be found in: "Laodicean Age, Pergamean Age of the Church Age Book," E-49 'Get the Giver, and the gift will take care of itself.' (Doors of the Door 57-1212), E-72 'Remember, you can have all the gifts and not have the Giver. Get Christ first.' (As the eagle stirreth her nest 58-0316).

You can have all these gifts without the giver. I trust that you can comprehend that "Preacher, can you show us that in the scripture, of **people, manifesting these gifts**, but did not have the giver inside of them?' Positively! I could show you people in the bible that were **not born again nor had the article of Pentecost**, that prophesied, spoke in tongues, performed miracles, sings, wonders, raise the dead, the demons were subject unto them and did not have the born again experience yet, nor the article of Pentecost. Elizabeth was not born again and she prophesied. Mary was not born again. She had to go up to Pentecost but she prophesied before that. Zacharias was not born again but he prophesied.

We had **twelve apostles** and in the 10th chapter of the book of Mathew they were anointed to heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out devils, manifest great signs and wonders, and they were not born again yet, neither did they have the giver in them. The Lord called **seventy others** and he anointed them, gifted them and sent them out to perform sings and wonders, and they returned rejoicing, and said, "The devils are subject unto us through thy name." But then it proved that they were not born again, because one day Jesus start preaching to them the son of man revelation, and the Bible said that they walked with him no more. (St. John 6:53 -66). They were not born again; they never had the article of Pentecost and were in their evil nature. So you could be in your evil nature and be anointed of the Spirit to manifest any of the nine divers gifts, and even preach the gospel and be an apostle too.

Now that's a big thing you just said their preacher, that you could be an apostle, genuine apostle, and not be borned again, you did not go up to Pentecost, work sings and wonders, and you have an evil nature, tell me who was Judas, and tell me if his gift was bogus. Who called Judas? Was his office a correct God given gift? [Congregation says, "Amen!"] On the day of Pentecost they said "*let his office or bishoprick be taken and given to another*", so the man was false but the office gift was right, "*every good gift and every Perfect gift cometh down from above, from the father of light in whom there is no variableness of shadow of turning*" James chapter 1 verse 17. So the gift was in the man but the man was a dead seed of the serpent, and his nature was not changed, he was not born again, never went up to Pentecost, but manifested all those gifts of the Spirit, but then inside of him was a bad seed.

So this is a heresy, for anybody to teach, that as long as you speak in tongues and manifest the gifts of the Spirit, you have the Holy Ghost, the Seal of God; the article of Pentecost, because I am showing you here, that the apostles manifested the gifts

and went out with great signs, wonders and miracles and even a revival surfaced, and the seventy went out also, and they were not yet born again. These same people had to go up to Pentecost, and Mary who prophesied was also in the upper room. So people could manifest all these gifts and their natures are not changed, so **the greatest is not the gifts but to have the giver.** But then later on, Jesus said *"JOHN 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. (St. John 14: 18-20)."* That's the time that the giver came down into the believer. From that time and, the day of Pentecost, it was a different operation of gifts.

Millions of people are deceived today, because as long as a man could manifest some supernatural of some kind, lying signs, wonders and miracles, they accept him to be a man of God. Do you know that the whole of the so-called Pentecostal world, with millions of people are based upon this heresy, that as long as somebody gets healed or something like that that's a man of God and they will give them all their money. It's a terrible heresy. Now they are using this same measuring rod, that as long as a man could do certain things in the message, then he is of God. It is a lie of the devil! We came out of those kinds of heresies and impersonations and we don't want to be fooled by them again.

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**Question#212:**

**Heretical Article No. 158:**

"We are taught that the gifts were restored in 1906, so-called Pentecost, and people who look for gifts to come are deceived."

**Answer:: No friends; if you are not looking for the gifts to come to the church you are deceived.** I will let the prophet talk to you. The gifts were restored in 1906 they said? Hear what Brother Branham is saying in 1948:

### **NEXT THING TO HAPPEN IS THE RESTORATION OF THE GIFTS TO THE CHURCH**

**Quote:** *E-2 "I know the next thing to happen is the restoration of the gifts to the Church. And it's the hardest thing I've had to do in this pioneering work, is to do this, as to see the people that... God cannot give back the gifts to the Church as long as His Church is divided. We've got to get the Church together first 'fore the gifts can come. But if all of the full Gospel people would come one heart and one accord, there would be a revival that would shake the whole world. And every spiritual gift would be in the Church within a hour's time after it took place. Signs and wonders that was done by the apostles would be a minor thing to what would be if we could just get the Church together. It's got to happen. It will happen. It may be after I've passed off the scene. But I want to put my word in this that you might know, that my voice is this...O Christian people, bind yourselves together with one heart and one accord. For God cannot no more send the gifts to the Church while the Church is*

*separated, than He can send the Holy Ghost unless we're in one accord. That's right. For it comes by the Holy Ghost. Believe it." (Angel Of God 48-0304).*

If the gifts were restored in 1906, how could Brother Branham say, this here? **Brother Branham looked for the restoration of the gifts**, and at the same time when he said in 1948, he continued to call 1906 "the restoration of the gifts." You say, "Do you believe that preacher?" With all my heart. I believe that too. Brother Branham did say that, but let us see what they received then. Let Brother Branham tell us, what kind of restoration of gifts that was.

### **THE UNRIGHTEOUS PARTAKING OF SPIRITUAL BLESSING**

**Quote:** 377-2 *"This age started just after the turn of the twentieth century. As it was to be the age in which the true church would return to being the bride she was at Pentecost, we know that there must of necessity be a return of dynamic power. The believers sensed this in their spirits and began crying to God for a new outpouring such as was in the first century. What seemed to be the answer came as many began to speak in tongues and manifest gifts of the Spirit. It was then believed that this was indeed the long awaited RESTORATION. It was not...How could this be the real thing when the Teaching Rain had not come? The Prophet-Messenger who was to be sent to TEACH the people and turn the hearts of the children back to the Pentecostal fathers had not yet come. Thus what was thought to be the restoration and the final quickening unto the rapture had not come. In it was a mixture of the unrighteous partaking of Spiritual blessing and manifesting in the Holy Ghost as we have kept pointing out to you. In it also was devil power as men were under the control of devils, yet no one seemed to realize it. Then, to prove that it was not the REAL, these people (even before a second generation had appeared) organized, and wrote their unscriptural doctrines and built their own fences as every other group ahead of them did." (Church Ages Book).*

**That is sufficient to blow this heresy to pieces.** The gifts were restored at 1906, but from what Brother Branham said: *"it was not the real."*

Those people back there realized that the bride must go back to Pentecost, and I want to give them a little feather in their cap here. The people in the message are now denying that we are supposed to go back to Pentecost. Then those **people from 1906 were more spiritual than the people following the message today**. The people back there sensed in their spirits that the bride church must go back to Pentecost, the people that follow this message today sense in their spirits that "all is over." They are devil possessed, they do not have the Holy Ghost in them and they are not born again, otherwise the Holy Spirit will cause them to sense the very same thing that we are proclaiming for decades, and which is right through the message of Brother Branham.

If that was not the real thing back there, then what was happening then? He said "it was the unrighteous partaking of spiritual gifts". "How do you understand that preacher?" **People who were not born again and their natures not changed, started to receive gifts.** That's the simple thing of it. I just proved to you that people who were not born again like the apostles and the seventy, were partaking of gifts, so what **happened in 1906 was a repeat of what the apostles received before**

**the day of Pentecost.** It was a restoration of gifts, but the gifts were given to unrighteous men who were not born again nor filled with the Holy Ghost. They needed to go up to Pentecost! Those were the ones who received those gifts. So now, 1906 is a parallel of when Jesus came and called the apostles and other preachers and gave them gifts without the new birth and without going up to Pentecost, and in there was the **unrighteous Judas, partaking of spiritual gifts and seventy unbelieving preachers** partaking of spiritual gifts, who could not take the revelation of the son of man. 1906 is parallel of such events.

**My God! Brothers and sisters, if that is not true, God never called me. If that is not true, God never spoke to me and I don't know what I have spoken about for the past thirty six years. But that is the gospel truth concerning this fanaticism of so-called Pentecost, which has hanged over into the message and under the message today. I know what I am talking about is the truth. It's confirmed by the bible and confirmed by the words of Brother Branham.**

In 1906 was a restoration of the gifts, but that **restoration of the gifts was without the giver.** The giver had not come down into the people. They had the gifts of God without being born again because they did **not return to Pentecost.** They did not have the article of Pentecost, but the gifts came among the people, but we are going to return to Pentecost as promised. From 1906 to the time we are living in. Such gifts went around the world and has produced Matthew 24:24: "False christs and false prophets,

### **FALSE CHRISTS, ANOINTED ONES WILL RISE AND BE FALSE PROPHETS**

**Quote:** 229"Same now. Notice, the vultures of Jesus day was also casting out devils: anointed ones, on the old carcase... Caiaphas the high priest prophesied... Notice the position of the weed in the field. It's watered by the same anointing. Why did the Bible say he prophesied? Because he was high priest that year, a rotten scavenger, a weed and a thistle setting among the wheat; but the Spirit was upon him, the genuine Holy Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit of God was upon Him to preach, prophesy, and foretell it to come to pass, and denied and crucified the very vindicated Word of the hour... Now, they were casting out devils. They were prophesying. Is that right? But did not recognize Him being the Word of the hour. Why? Because He wasn't associated with them. Now, take Matthew 24:24: "False christs, anointed ones will rise. And they'll be false prophets, prophesying (See?), and will deceive the very elected if it was possible." You got it now?" (Anointed ones at the endtime 65-0725).

Brethren, this is solid teaching. **Nobody could refute what I am saying, and I humbly send out this challenge to the entire world, to all the big names in the message, to come and disprove what I am saying.** You can fight from afar but you cannot disprove what I am saying. You still have the article of 1906 and try to preach the message with the articles of 1906 and it cannot work. That's the problem in the message my brother, they brought over the articles of 1906 and try to handle the message that came by a prophet today. **That is why there is confusion in the message, as bad as so-called Pentecost Babylonian confusion.**

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## Question#213:

## Heretical Article No. 159:

"Preachers teach that the gifts were set in order in the Branham tabernacle by Brother Branham. Is this so? And that the Branham tabernacle is most spiritual."

**Answer:** African brother, way over in the East, somebody lied to you and told you that the Branham tabernacle is the most spiritual. Brother Branham seen a vision where John the Baptist was baptizing, and then they turned it into a hoglot, and the hogs eat up their own after-birth. That was the Branham tabernacle where John the Baptist was baptizing; right in the Ohio River.

### THEY TURNED IT INTO A HOG LOT

**Quote:** *"I got down there to the river and I understood it was a place where John the Baptist had been baptizing the people, and they had turned it into a hog lot. And I was very critical of it, just saying that this should not be done...And at that time, the Angel of the Lord spake to me, and said, "But this is not your Tabernacle." (Present stage of my ministry 62-0908).*

### BRANHAM TABERNACLE - AS MUCH FAULT AS THE REST OF THEM

**Quote:** *"My friends, I don't want to hurt feelings, but I'm responsible for a Message, and that Message is "Come out of this mess." And if I asked you to come out, where am I going to take you to? Would I take you to the Branham Tabernacle? It's as much fault as any of the rest of them." (God's chosen place of worship 65-0220).*

### YOU'RE GOING ON TO AN OLD FASHION REVIVAL OR ELSE

**Quote:** *"And tonight the Branham Tabernacle's got to make up its mind. We're either going to go on or go back. That's right. You're going back to garlic, and leek, and stuff of Egypt, or you're going on with Angel's food to the Promised Land, where God made a promise. You're going on to an old fashion Holy Ghost revival, or you'll be wishy-washy, packing around, and pecking like a robin on a apple until the day you die. You've got to make your decision; you can't go on". (At Kadesh Barnea 56-0527).*

### YOUR TABERNACLE WON'T EAT THE BREAD OF LIFE ANYMORE

**Quote:** *"Looking to my left, I saw a small heap of smooth-baked bread. There were white fowls standing near it, but they would not eat much of it. Then the Lord said to me... "That is your Tabernacle, and they won't eat the Bread of Life anymore. I am*

*sending you this way." Then I journeyed on westward.." (I was not disobedient to the Heavenly vision).*

That was fulfilled at the opening of the seals. **The most unspiritual church in the world today is the William Branham Tabernacle!** Don't let them fool you. **They believe in a resurrection doctrine and a deity doctrine; sitting and waiting for Brother Branham to resurrect.** Who that offends let it offend! I am willing to take up anybody's challenge, from the prophet's children to all the big names in America and around the world. Come and challenge what I am saying! You are the most unspiritual people in the Branham tabernacle and Brother Branham said, *"You're going on to an old fashion Holy Ghost revival, or you'll be wishy-washy, packing around, and pecking like a robin on a apple until the day you die."* Yes, and they have denied the revival, and that is where the Branham's tabernacle is tonight picking on a rotten apple, sitting and waiting for the resurrection of Brother Branham.

Liars want to tell me that Brother Branham set the gifts in order. It's a lie! First of all, if somebody is saying that Brother Branham set nine divers gifts in order, the first thing I will ask them is: **"On what tape, what message, and what historical facts can they supply us with where the nine gifts were in operation in the Branham's tabernacle?"** I know about tongues and I heard some prophecies on the tapes, but none of them could prove to you where anybody in the Branham's tabernacle had a gift of miracle, a gift of healing beside Brother Branham and all that went with it. Every tape of Brother Branham will verify what I am saying. They cannot show you that.

### **WE DO NOT HAVE TOO MANY OF THE GIFTS OPERATING HERE**

**Quote:** 1110-220 *"Now, we do not have too many of the gifts operating here, but we have some of them. We have the gift of tongues, and the gift of prophecy (two or three of them). I think our Brother Higginbotham here, ever where he's at, he's got a gift of speaking in tongues. And we got our Brother Junior Jackson with us, and he speaks with tongues. And then we got two or three of them interprets. Brother Neville here also, our pastor, speaks with tongues and sometimes prophesies...So we have some of the gifts operating among us." (Questions and answers 64-0830m).*

I will tell you what happened; **Brother Branham seen certain gifts start coming into the tabernacle; they started to speak with tongues, interrupting Brother Branham's preaching. They started to prophesy, some of them openly in the congregation. He went to Brother Neville and corrected him.**

### **SHOVE HIM OUT IN THE FLESH AND YOU'LL HAVE A FALSE PROPHET**

**Quote:** 49 *"I had a word of the Lord to take to Brother Neville, about prophesying over everyone comes by this altar here. God told him, really called him down about it. See? Don't do that; you'll shove him out in the flesh and then you'll have a false prophet." (Paradox 61-1210).*

**Brother Branham bore patience under that for many years. After a while he said, "We going to try to set these gifts in order, I noticed they are coming into the church." Brother Branham was a wise man; he knew very well that there was something wrong with those gifts. This is what he did.**

### **IF IT DON'T COME TO PASS, DON'T DO IT TILL THAT EVIL SPIRIT'S OUT OF YOU**

**Quote:** *"The Branham Tabernacle shall be like this. Let those who speak with tongues, and those who interpret tongues, and those have prophecy that's to be given to the church...before the meeting starts; let them gather in an appointed room... it isn't to be done in the main congregation...When these people meet together, let them who have wisdom first come. Because (You see?), if one speaks in tongues and gives an interpretation according to Scripture, that cannot be received unless it be witnessed by two or three more witnesses... And sometimes in these minor ministries, just like in any other ministry, you get spirits that's wrong (See?); they'll fly in there. And we don't want that. No. We want these ministries ready to be exposed if they're to be exposed, because anything of God don't worry about exposing it; it'll stand the test if it's of God... Now, then if someone writes a message that's been given in tongues or given in prophecy, and laid upon the platform, it must be read by the pastor before the service starts, of "THUS SAITH THE LORD" from these people who spoke and interpreted it. And if that comes to pass exactly the way the interpretation said, we raise our hands and give thanks to God for His Spirit among us. If it doesn't come to pass, then don't do it any more till that evil spirit's out of you. God don't lie; He's always Truth. Then, you see, you're old enough now to act like men, not children: "Goo, goo, goo," you got to have some meaning to something." (Church Order 63-1226).*

When that happened the people got offended at the prophet and said:

**Quote:** 1023-126 *"One guy...he said, "Well, you put us too much on the spot." I said, "Ain't I on the spot up there to strangers I never seen in my life? But I got faith and confidence in my God Who sent me to do this, and never one time has it been wrong or never will be as long as it's God." That's right." (Questions and Answers 64-0823E).*

The prophet of God said that spirits fly in with these gifts and as a minister you must stand there even though you have to expose ministers, you have to expose them. He said that anything that is genuine would not be afraid of exposition. On the basis of that quote from Church Order, let me send a message to the entire world. **If you have genuine goods you will not be afraid of my exposition books and I am doing exactly what the prophet of God says, he says expose the ministers, he says to expose the wrong spirit.**

People are afraid to read my exposition books and hide them from the sheep because you know that you are wrong, are preaching wrong and you have the wrong spirit. A man who has the genuine thing is not afraid of any exposition; that is what the prophet said.

I don't know how long that continued in that room but I believe that everybody disappeared from that room, because everybody was on the spot. Then what happened is that there were some of them who could not stand the test, they got offended at the prophet, offended at the word of God.

### **WHEN CORRECTING A GIFT AND THEY GET OFFENED**

**Quote:** 535-150 *"When you ministers are correcting someone about a gift... Scripturally correcting them, and they get offended, remember, it wasn't the Spirit of God; 'cause the Spirit of God cannot be offended by His Word." (Questions and answers 61-0112).*

What happened after that, there was a man called Junior Jackson who is still responsible for the papers call The Contender which I received of recent times after twenty-five years. He claims to be an apostle. This was the same Junior Jackson who had all the dreams about the pyramid and the white horse rider. He did not believe the doctrine of Brother Branham concerning the operation of gifts and sending it into that room and he allowed his people to freely speak in the congregation with their Babylonian confusion, many of those people who had the gifts in the Branham tabernacle went down there at Junior Jackson where they could operate their gifts in a so called Pentecostal style, they still do it up to today yes, and that man denied the teachings of Brother Branham on the Church Order and many other doctrines.

### **JUNIOR JACKSON DISAGREE WITH THAT**

**Quote:** 1022-124 *"somebody made fun of somebody leaving the Tabernacle and went down to Brother Junior Jackson's for a church. Said, "They went down amongst the 'dead birds.'" Aren't you ashamed to make a remark like that?... Well, the reason of it, because when I set the church here in a certain order, when I come back, to see if I could get the manifestation of the gifts, half of them pulled away from it. Because when you would start to speak, or preach, or something... It was getting in such a place that you could hardly preach 'less there was somebody spoke in tongues, somebody interpreting, somebody give the interpretation; and half of it never even come to pass. ... but I let them go ahead awhile. I said, "Watch it." Now, I told the brethren "Let it alone. After while we'll find out whether it's of God or not. If it cannot stand chastisement, then it's a bastard child." Exactly what the Bible said. And when the chastisement come, what happened?... Now, Brother Junior Jackson had a right to disagree with that. He wants his church... The people all want to speak with tongues and things in the audience. That's Brother Junior's troubles; that's up to him." (Questions And Answers 64-0823e).*

So that is a lie what they are talking about Brother Branham set the gifts in order. Those gifts were wayward gifts; they came from so called Pentecost. Certain people believed the message with the same kind of seed in them, not born again, did not have the baptism of the Holy Ghost and brought it in the tabernacle and those gifts could not be set in order. How are you going to set Judas in order? How are you going to set the seventy preachers in order that did not believe the revelation of the son of man? You cannot do it! Only the Holy Ghost could do it. **The gifts were set in**

**order by an out pouring of the Holy Spirit. That is where it will set in order by another outpouring of the Holy Spirit like on the day of Pentecost.**

1906 was the unrighteous partaking of spiritual gifts without being born again and without having the genuine article of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. When the message went out by Brother Branham, those same people saw the signs, wonders and miracles and they got on the band-wagon, came under the message and in the Branham tabernacle, and that is what we have following the message today by the hundreds of thousands.

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**Question#214:**

**Heretical Article No. 160:**

"Missionaries told us that gifts like the day of Pentecost are operating in the message churches overseas. Have you any knowledge of this brother?"

**Answer:** I have no knowledge of this, my brothers in Africa and India. They are a bunch of liars! And I send out a challenge to all these lying missionaries to prove their claims. **It is nowhere around the world like the earlier Apostolic Church. We are looking for it and we are promised a restoration**, and the prophet of God said that the next thing to happen to the church is the restoration of the gifts. If you know what is sitting under this message friend, it is the unrighteous who did partake of spiritual gifts in 1906, their children and grandchildren with the same conception of going in the rapture, same conception of born again, and the same conception of receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost, is now under the message, trying to handle the message and manifest gifts of the spirits, and they are **depending upon that 1906 experience to carry them in the rapture**. The experience of 1906 cannot carry anybody in the rapture. **It's a total impossibility!** The gifts that they received in 1906 are not genuine gifts. They were never set in order by Brother Branham. The only man that could have really set them in order was William Branham, but the people never gave their co-operation to receive the genuine out pouring and have the giver operating the gifts. It is nowhere here in the West and I assure you it is not in the East, according to the revelation on the doctrine we preach and the revelation we have of Brother Branham's message; **its nowhere in the world operating like the Apostolic Church**. In all what I said there I still believe people get healed, I still believe people could speak in tongues and bring forth a prophecy, but friends, it does not match with what I just explained to you on divers gifts.

**Can you take with what you are seeing in this church or any other church in this country and match it with the gifts I just explained from the Bible?**

[Congregation says, "No!"] No, a man got to be a dead hypocrite and a dead make-believer to say that the nine divers gifts are operating in the church in the West.

**Show me one church, show me one man.** You cannot do it and we know why too. **It takes the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to set the gifts in order and the gifts to the church come with the outpouring!** This is the reason friend why it is not operating in the West, the East, North or South. They brought over a seed of discrepancy, they were not born again, they did not have the seed for that birth in

1906, they had an anointing mixed with demon power, their minds were upon money (The whole of so-called Pentecost is based on a get-rich conception) and those same preachers came to the message and tried handling the message today, and they have that same Judas spirit.

They are of impersonators and **impersonating the gifts of God. Their gifts do not compare with the New Testament Apostolic standards.** Impossible! They missed the vision of what Brother Branham tried to produce which is a restoration of the gifts, which I just read from "Angel of God". Brother Branham said, "It is the hardest thing to do in this pioneering work." Don't you know that Brother Branham was a pioneer who was sent of Almighty God to bring the church back to these gifts of apostolic time?

It was hard for Brother Branham because that conception of 1906 was in their minds and they could not see that they could not have the genuine article of Pentecost as long they spoke in tongues and worked signs and wonders. The hardest thing for a Pentecostal to understand is that he isn't born again yet and unless he comes to the message and the revelation of son of man, he can't get born again. These same men brought over their birth and their so-called gifts under the message and now try to operate under the message.

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## **Question#215:**

## **Heretical Article No. 161:**

"Preachers from different countries say that gifts are few in this age, but we are like the early Apostolic Church, one gift here and another gift there; and one gift in one country and another gift in another country, because gifts are few, that is why we don't see them like the early Apostolic Church."

You lying preachers! Then if you have one gift in one country and the other gift in another country, and another gift in a next country, when you take nine countries you ought to have nine of them. **Why when you are gathered in your international convention we don't see the nine divers gifts operating in the convention?** You are found a liar. The most we can hear is some bogus prophecy and some tongues rattling out without any meaning with no interpretation and no direct message to the church. If you have the gifts scattered from one church to the next, because there are few and one or two here and there, why when you ministers gather in your **international ministers' conference, why don't we see the nine gifts operating?** But you are a bunch of dead preachers who don't know if you are going or coming. **All the nine gifts should be operating in every local assembly.**

**ALL NINE SPIRITUAL GIFTS SHOULD BE IN EVERY LOCAL BODY**  
**Quote:** E-62 *"all nine spiritual gifts should be operating in every local body. Yeah, and there ought to be judges there and so forth and the church in order and working right." (Jehovah Jireh 56-0429).*

**Quote:** E-14 "I Corinthians 12, there is nine spiritual gifts in the church. That's in every local body, or should be in every local body, the gifts of healing, the gift of wisdom, the gifts of knowledge, all these other gifts is in the church. Nine different spiritual gifts is in every local body." (What it takes to overcome all unbelief 60-0729).

(Similar quotations can be found on: "We would see Jesus 62-0627 & Jesus Christ the same 62-0718".)

**The prophet of God says you need some good solid teaching on the operation of gifts of the spirit. Yes, I am giving you it on these messages and if you don't think that they are solid teaching and what Brother Branham himself would have taught you, if he had that opportunity, come and challenge what I am saying; tear it up if you can.**

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**Question#216:**

**Heretical Article No. 162:**

"My pastor says we should not look for the gifts, but only the rapture."

**Answer:** I will let Brother Branham answer this.

### **WHEN WE SEE ALL 9 GIFTS IN THE CHURCH THEN WE'LL HAVE THE RAPTURE**

**Quote:** E-15 "And O God, grant today, that when we can all come together, and see all those nine spiritual gifts moving through the Church, operating the whole Church Body. Then we'll have the rapture. Then it will be culled out, and we'll have the rapture. If we can't have faith for Divine healing, how we going to have faith for rapturing faith?" (I perceive you are a prophet 53-0614).

Who is right and who is wrong now? Your pastor is a liar and Brother Branham is speaking the truth. You must see those nine divers gifts set in order in the house of God before the rapture. It's a sign that the rapture is about to take place. You believe Bro Bruce here today friend, you aren't leaving here and you aren't going nowhere until you see nine divers gifts set in the house of God operating perfectly just like in the Apostolic Church and that will be a sign that the rapture is about to take place in a matter of weeks; and those divers **gifts aren't going to be set in order until the outpouring of the Holy Ghost comes. It is tied up in the outpouring. You hold on to what I am telling you with all your heart and all your soul.**

One man e-mailed me from somewhere in Europe. He said, "You came against a mighty man of God; an anointed servant of God called Coleman". He said, "Brother, my advice to you is to repent while you have breath in your lungs." So deluded. I wrote back another letter and said, "Who are you, where are you from? You have now arrived on a lame donkey, after so many years that I have sent forth a challenge

to prove what I am saying is wrong." I said, **"I demand of you to show me one single quotation and one single scripture, where I have to go and speak to a heretic before I expose him?"** That was his argument. He said, "Did you meet the brother and speak to the brother?" I said, "Nowhere in the Bible told me that I have to meet a heretic and talk to him before I expose him." I said, "Did Brother Branham talk to the pope before he wrote the church age and preached the seals? Did Brother Paul call Peter one side and talk to him in a corner, or did he speak to him in front of everybody? Did Jesus call Peter one side and speak to him before he said, 'Get thee behind me Satan?'" I said, "I demand one Scripture from you or one quotation in this message where I must go and talk to the heretic before I expose him?" Letter after letter, I am writing him and he is writing me back. Every time he wrote back I said, "Give me that scripture. I challenge you! You misquoted a scripture and you need to repent."

He tried to tell me that Matthew 18 is the scripture: "If thy brother offends thee." I said, "That has to do with a personal grievance between brothers and has nothing to do with a heretic. Are you telling me that Brother Branham had to go meet the pope? Did he go meet Oral Roberts, Billy Graham or T.L. Osborne, or did he go and meet Elvis Presley before he called him a rat and a modern Judas?" Boy that man shut up. I said, "The next thing I want to tell you is that these things are going on my book." He bawled and wrote a "Brotherly kindness letter and said, "You see brother, you don't understand that all what I was trying to do is to get you to repent for speaking against "God's anointed servant." I said, "You big hypocrite! Because you hear that I am going to put your letters on my book you are trying to pacify things around here. Repent or perish! You are too ashamed because you misused the scripture for personal grievances and want to come and fight me with that because of my Exposition Books." He said, "But you called me a parrot and a donkey." I said, "You are more than a Polly parrot. You are not quoting the scripture. All you are saying is, "Repent, Repent! You are a parrot. You are a donkey because you are not braying the Word."

And let this challenge go out here once gain: If any man could refute what I am saying there, in China, Japan, India, Africa and in the United States with all your big brains; a bunch of unbelievers and the most unspiritual nation upon the face of the earth, with the most unspiritual preachers; I challenge all you Americans who think you know something, with a spirit that is trying to rule the world and tell the whole world what to do; **You aren't going to tell this little preacher what to preach and what to preach.**

Why don't you bring these gifts in your international convention? Show me them in your convention. Bring a gift from China, one from Africa, one from India, bring one from Trinidad and another place, pile it up together in your international convention and let us see the nine divers gifts in operation. You liar you! **The gifts are not yet set in order. These gifts are coming here by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.** Yes!

**There is a revelation today that is unifying the elected of God. God only wants a handful. When he unifies that elected, Brother Branham said that it will bring the nine divers gifts within one hour's time in the church of God. (Angel of God 1948). Do you want to tell me that the prophet of God came and preached so**

long and has left so long and the gifts are not in the church? Something is wrong. And they want to make all kinds of flimsy excuses about the gifts of God. Some kind of nonsense around the world on these gifts in the message and have the people's lives tied up. Brethren you had better thank God for the truth you are sitting under. Let us pray for the brethren who are suffering under these kinds of heresies. Lift your right hand to him and let us talk to the Lord. [*Congregation lifts their right hand and prays.*]



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## **DIVERS GIFTS - ORDER AND DISORDER**

**Question#217:**

**Heretical Article No. 163:**

"There is popular doctrine which is taught worldwide that says, "Since the perfect Word came, gifts are done away from the Church," did Brother Branham say so?"

**Answer:: This is a heresy which is built upon misinterpreted statements of Brother Branham.** I would draw your attention to where this doctrine is **based**. Brother Branham said something like that. Now people with carnal minds, who are not born again and out of the spirit, try to figure out the Word of God. When you try to figure out the Word of God with a carnal mind you are going to make a heresy. Anytime you are not born again and you think that you know something, think you could interpret the Bible, could lead yourself, lead your family and break down the Word of God to them, remember the Word of God. "*Except a man be born again, he cannot see (UNDERSTAND) the kingdom of God.*" (John 3:3). And if you are not born again, you are the biggest fool to try to interpret the scripture and lead somebody else. The Bible says you're blind, so that settles the case. Alright, notice the kinds of **seeds that were in people's minds** after the opening of the Seals. Those seeds from back there **grew into trees and bore fruits right around the world**. They asked Brother Branham this question:

**Quote: 1030-Q-302 "Please explain I Corinthians 13:8-12. Now that the perfect Word is restored to the church are these verses fulfilled?**

*Now, is there anything perfect but God? No, sir. Is God the perfect? In the beginning was the [Congregation replies, "Word."--Ed.] and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word's still God. See? All right. **When that which is perfect is***

**come, that which is in part is done away with."** (Questions and Answers 64-0823e).

Now this person in asking this question has in mind the gifts being done away with, so they asked Brother Branham this question and he answered. Now Brother Branham did not go on to explain 1 Corinthians 13: 8-12 and put a dividing line, but said that the perfect Word has come, and the Word is God.

**Quote:** 1005-56 "1 Corinthians 13 says this: "When that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away with." So all these little things of jumping up-and-down like a kid, trying to talk in tongues, and all these other things, when that which is perfect... **And we do have today, by God's help, the perfect interpretation of the Word with Divine vindication.** Then that which is in part is done away with." (Questions and answers 64-0823E).

Now men have arisen since that time and took these little quotations here as their basis and the interpretation that follows is that, "Since the full Word was restored, the Church has no more gifts." This is a Seals related heresy. They went a little further and said, "Since the opening of the Seals the Church don't have any gifts, the reason for that is that the perfect Word of God has come."

For a little enlightenment, this is the Scripture under discussion: "*Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. **But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.***" (1 Corinthians 13: 8-10). Upon those verses this heresy is built, they say that, "The perfect Word is now come by Malachi 4 at the opening of the Seals, and because of that the gifts has ceased in the Church,"

They perverted the scripture. Number one, they limited "*that which is perfect*" to be the Word only, which is wrong. "The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life." "*That which is **Now if the gifts ceased in 1963 when the Seals were opened, why did Brother Branham continue to work signs, wonders and miracles? Why did he go on having meetings, having discernment lines, healing the sick and all kinds of miracles until the time of his departure? Now, that alone shows it's a wrong interpretation, it's a heresy and it's a lie of the devil and that they have misinterpreted the scriptures!***perfect" is not only the letter of the Word, but it is God.

What was Brother Paul trying to achieve when he divided the gifts of the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12 and then in the thirteenth chapter show that there is a greater gift called charity? I will tell you the truth. **The Corinthian church was a church like the one that was produced in 1906. Carnal, unregenerated people were partaking of spiritual gifts, because "gifts and callings are without repentance."** (Romans 11:29). The Corinthian church was one of the worst churches that Paul had to deal with, and in that church the people who were now saved and came from idolatry, started to partake of the gifts of the spirit, speak in tongues and prophesy. One fellow was living with his stepmother. The women got ambitious and they wanted to preach. He had to set those things in order. They were like children. They came to

Christianity and were more interested in the gifts of the Spirit, which is a direct type of so-called Pentecost of 1906.

Paul, finding that problem, he said, *"How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying (1 Corinthian 14: 26).* He told them how to behave in the House of God. The Corinthian church is a direct type of so-called Pentecost of 1906 and what we have today upon the earth. When you come into the church, one fellow rises up without any order and say, "I have an interpretation", the next fellow would say, "I have a Psalm," the next fellow would say, "I want to sing a special." One woman will rise and say, "I want to preach." Over there a next fellow say, "I have a revelation; I got a dream last night." The preacher would be preaching and the next fellow get up and started prophesying.

Paul knew what was the problem in the Corinth church. The problem is the same that Brother Branham met when he came to the so-called Pentecostal church. The people were built upon signs, wonders and miracles, tongues, interpretations and prophecy; never mind the Word. Do you get the picture? *[Congregation say, "Amen!"]* Brother Paul had to set this in order now. So being a wise man, he said, *"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. (1 Corinthians 12: 1-3).* Brother Paul setting these gifts in order, he said, "Listen to me; you have a problem. You have just been converted from old dumb idol religions, you worshipped wood and stone. You dealt with demons. You used to prophesy, speak in tongues and write in tongues. You were devil worshippers. Now I want you to understand about these things. The church of God doesn't run like that."

**The whole thing is that the people were manifesting gifts without the "Giver" in them. 1 Corinthians 12 is bringing out that the people were manifesting gifts without the true Seal of God, the article of Pentecost. When Brother Branham came on the scene he found the Corinthian church worldwide; (so-called Pentecost.) He found them manifesting gifts and preaching the gospel on the radio, on the television and on the field without the article of Pentecost. Brother Branham was not able to set those gifts in order all the days of his life.**

Brother Paul finding the same problem said, "Listen to me brethren, this is the way that this is done. But I'm going to tell you something now, "Covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way." These gifts in 1 Corinthians 12 were operating without the Giver inside of them; without the article of Pentecost.

**Now the thirteenth chapter is only telling** you about the Giver coming down inside of the people to operate the gifts. So this is the dividing line here. **Charity is none other than the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Pentecostal blessing.** Charity is none other than the Capstone, and if you doubt me then look up at the Pyramid diagram. When Brother Branham preached Stature of a Perfect Man, he put "Holy Spirit on top." He put "Love" and there in the scripture he interpreted "Charity" to be the Capstone.

Brother Paul said, "Listen to me brethren, you are using those gifts out there without the Giver inside of you. God is love. Do what you're doing; I'm not going to condemn

you, but I'm going to show you a better way." When you get God down inside of you the article of Pentecost, then you would operate these gifts in a perfect manner. Alright, hold it right there. You said, "Perfect manner?" Before the Apostles and whoever went up to Pentecost, those gifts were not being operated in a perfect manner. It was the unrighteous partaking of spiritual gifts. One time they brought a lunatic to the disciples and they could not cast the demon out. And from the time that devil seen Jesus coming straightway he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And Jesus rebuked the devil. *He departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, "Why could not we cast him out?" And Jesus said unto them, "Because of your unbelief." (Matthew 17:14-20, Mark 9:14-29).* Now that goes to show that the gifts that were operated back in that time, were not set in order and were mixed with unbelief. They had some imperfection in the disciples and the Apostles.

Now these people in the Corinth church were operating these gifts without the Giver inside of them.

**The Thirteenth chapter is telling you and giving you the evidence of when the Giver comes down inside of you, how you'll behave as a Christian.** It tells you what is Charity. Charity is Love. Love is God.

#### **THAT WHICH IS PERFECT? LOVE. WHAT IS LOVE? GOD**

**Quote:** *"But when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part will be done away with." See, that's perfect. What is perfect? Love. What is love? God. Let us...go on to perfection. We're perfected through Christ. How do we get into it? By Holy Spirit baptism. (Hebrews.Chapter.5 57-0908m).*

#### **CHARITY, WHICH IS LOVE. THAT'S THE CAPPING STONE**

**Quote:** *45-5 "Brotherly kindness, the seventh thing... Next thing then add **charity, which is love. That's the capping stone.** One of these days in the church". (Stature.Of.A.Perfect.Man 62-1014m).*

Brother Branham is confirming that Charity is Love, in accordance with the teaching of the Pyramid, the Capping Stone, which is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. He says, "It is God." And how do we understand this scripture here today? *"But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away."* From 1906 right unto the present time, the Pentecostal world used all these nine divers gifts without the Giver inside of them. Now that the Seals are opened we have the perfect Word of God. Now that we have the perfect Word of God, we are about to receive the Capstone, which is Charity, which is Perfection, and **when that which is perfect is come then all theses kinds of gifts from so-called Pentecost would be done away with. It's not the gifts going away from the Church but the gifts will be used by the Giver himself.** The gift will be used by the Capstone itself. It will be in a perfect manner. I wish you get that as you should.

Alright, let me prove that again. These people in Corinth were using the gifts without the article of Pentecost. Brother Paul is saying, "Go ahead and do what you're doing, but when you get the article of Pentecost that's the time you would stop using those gifts in the way that you are using them." He said, "Right now you are misusing those gifts, because you are using them without the Giver in you. But when you get the Giver inside of you, then that would change the picture because the **Giver is going to operate the gifts.**"

### **TO HAVE THOSE GIFTS OUTSIDE THE BODY WILL DO YOU NO GOOD**

**Quote:** 1079-82 **"So get Christ in your heart... Christ and the Holy Spirit's the same thing... And the Holy Spirit is that Anointing... And it's Christ in you anointing you... Then you got the right thing. Then He can use you to anything He wants to use you in, 'cause you're in the body and subject to any of those gifts. But see, to have one of the gifts outside of the body, it would do you no good. "Though I speak with tongues of men and Angels, have not charity, it profit me nothing. Though I have faith and can understand all the mysteries of God, profit me nothing. Though I give my body to be burnt as a sacrifice, give all my goods to the poor, though I have faith to move a mountain, I am nothing." See? Don't depend on those things. The Holy Spirit is a Being; It's God, God in you."** (Questions And Answers 64-0830m).

### **CHARITY - THE BAPTISM**

**Quote:** E-28 **"He could speak with tongues, both of men and of Angels, and still not have the Holy Ghost."** Cause Paul says, 'Though I can speak with tongues of man and of angels and have not charity, I'm nothing. **Though I can understand all knowledge and can interpret the Scriptures exactly right, without this baptism, I'm nothing.**' (Debate On Tongues 60-0807).

Additional quotations to prove that Charity is the article of Pentecost, the Capstone, the Giver himself, and the Love of the Holy Ghost can be found on: God in Simplicity 63-0317: 'Charity is the Holy Ghost', Revelation Book Of Symbols 56-0617: 'That which is perfect is the Love of The Holy Ghost', Identified With Christ 59-1220e: 'Charity is the Holy Ghost', Will I Find Faith When I Return 51-0508: 'Charity is the Giver', Works That I Do Bear Witness Of Me 51-0413: 'Charity, the Love of God makes us one in Christ.'

### **THOSE THINGS DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Quote:** 290-1 {78} **"Though I speak with tongue of men and angels and have not charity, it profit me nothing." See? So those things doesn't mean that you have the Holy Spirit.** (Fourth Seal The 63-0321).

One thing that is going to stop all the fanaticism and "gifts in part," 1906 which the Prophet had to fight with all the days of his life, and that is, "*When that which is perfect is come then that which is in part shall be done away with.*" **What is perfect? God. And He comes into the Bride in the form of the Capstone by another Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.** When that happens, the Giver comes down inside of the Bride in the full measure of the Holy Spirit, and at that time, every spiritual gift that belongs to the Church would be restored within one hour's time, and you and I would not be operating that but the Giver has come down inside of us to operate the gifts.

### **EVERY SPIRITUAL GIFT WOULD BE IN THE CHURCH WITHIN A HOUR'S TIME**

**Quote: E-2 "I know the next thing to happen is the restoration of the gifts to the Church... God cannot give back the gifts to the Church as long as His Church is divided. We've got to get the Church together first 'fore the gifts can come. And every spiritual gift would be in the Church within a hour's time after it took place. Signs and wonders that was done by the apostles would be a minor thing to what would be if we could just get the Church together...O Christian people, bind yourselves together with one heart and one accord. For God cannot no more send the gifts to the Church while the Church is separated, than He can send the Holy Ghost unless we're in one accord. That's right. For it comes by the Holy Ghost. Believe it." (Angel Of God 48-0304). it**

### **LOVE PREFERRED BEFORE**

**Quote: E-18 "I would rather have a church that knows nothing about any spiritual gift, and just be so in love with each other and with Christ, I'd rather have that than every spiritual gift operating in the church. Now, that might sound hard in a Pentecostal group, but I would rather have it. Where there is gifts, they'll fail. Where there is gifts, they'll bring confusion. Where there is gifts, they can be questioned. But where there is love, it is perfect. That's right. And if you had perfect love you'd have perfect gifts. That's right. So work first with love. That brings fellowship, and fellowship brings gifts." (Way to have fellowship 55-1009).**

This is what Brother Branham wanted, not that dead thing that travelled up from 1906. He said, "I would rather do without the gifts that are being manifested today and wait until the Church comes to that Love, that Love Stone, that Capstone, and when that happens perfect gifts will follow."

Now Brother Branham was expecting the Capstone "Love." You could try to muster up how much Divine Love that you could muster up, there is only one thing that is going to bring Divine Love into you and that is the Capstone.

### **THE LOVE WILL JUST SETTLE OVER THE BUILDING**

**Quote:** E-77 "I believe the time is coming... The manifestation of the gifts that's give to every man that profit with all. That's true. I believe gifts are wonderful, and we need them and respect them. But I believe **the time's coming when it's going to be on a higher standard than that.** Why, after all these things is done away, that which is love will endure forever. See? It's the love of God... We'll just be standing preaching like this or talking, and just **the love will just settle over the building.**" (God keeps His Word 57-0407M).

### **IT TAKES PERFECT LOVE TO ENTER THERE**

**Quote:** 21-4 "And I heard a voice then that spoke to me that was in the room, said, "This is what you preached was the **Holy Ghost. This is perfect love. And nothing can enter here without it.** I am more determined than ever in my life that it takes perfect love to enter there... But whatever you do, friends, lay aside everything else till you get perfect love. **Get to a spot that you can love everybody, every enemy, everything else.** " (Rejected King 60-0515m).

I am saying, "Without Divine Love you would never go in the Rapture. You've got to have the Capstone, which is Divine Love, to go in the Rapture."

When I expose and preach against heresies, they try to use these quotations and say, "Love one another brother; without love you will never enter there." You are talking about "*comprise*" fellow. The Love of God is corrective. **The only way that you will have the Love of God is to have a return of Pentecost and have the Capstone coming upon the Bride.** Then and only then can you say, "*Forgive them Father for they know not what they do.*" Only then you could be like Stephen and say, "*Lay not this sin to their charge.*" Right now, my brothers and sisters, this old evil nature is ready to fight. You better talk the truth. Don't play a Christian and tell me you have Divine Love. **The Capstone has got to come upon you for you to have Divine Love.**

When I get Divine Love, I would know that I have Divine Love. Yes. I had an experience many years ago of that Divine Love. And in this experience, the Lord appeared to me and he was in a humble little place and he was sending forth his preachers two by two saying, "And you and you." And as he kept pointing out, two and two would run into different directions. And then I bowed my head and said, "The Lord is not telling me anything." Then he said, "And you." And immediately when he said that, Divine love settled over me that I could love my deadliest enemy and feel sorry for my worst enemy. And after I came out of that experience,

Nobody is going to fool me on Divine Love. I tell you right now friend, I haven't got what I experienced at that time with the Lord. **The only thing would bring that love into you and the Church of God is that Capstone. Unless that Capstone comes, you are not going nowhere. Nobody is going to enter there without Divine Love. Nobody is going to enter there without the Capstone of God.** So don't make-believe nothing friend. Don't let anybody fool you. When that love comes and settles over you it will operate the gifts in a perfect way. Did you notice how perfect Brother Branham's gifts were? Something was causing them to operate in a perfect way. **Did you notice that Brother Branham had Divine Love?** You ever read the

book called 'The Eleventh Commandment?' And **he counted out many miracles that were done only through Divine Love.** The Church must come to that otherwise you are going nowhere.

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**Question#218:**

**Heretical Article No. 164:**

"Did 1906 Pentecostals have the gifts without the Giver? They had the Holy Ghost; how can it be so?"

**Answer:**Brothers and sisters, **the twelve Apostles and the seventy preachers had the Holy Ghost and the gifts, but they did not have the Giver inside of them.** How can it be so? It was the age that they were living in. You could have the anointing of the Holy Spirit and you could manifest any gift of the Spirit; you could preach the Gospel, raise the dead, heal the sick and do any kind of miracle, and the Giver is not inside of you. The twelve and the seventy who manifested the gifts and the devils were subject to them, there came a time in their ministry that the Lord told them, *"I would send you another Comforter and he would be in you, and in that day ask what you will and it shall be granted to you."* (St. John 14:1-18). Right there I am proving to you my brothers and sisters overseas, that you could manifest these gifts by the Holy Ghost but the Holy Ghost is not in you. And that is what happened in 1906.

### **CAN DO THOSE THINGS WITHOUT BEING BAPTIZE INTO CHRIST & BORN AGAIN**

**Quote:** E-33 "Oh, you can say, **"Now, Brother Branham, I tell you: I know what I've got it because I can pray for the sick and they can be healed. Brother Branham, God just revealed the Word to me like this, and that, and the other. I have a knowledge of the Word. You're wrong. I heal the sick. I speak with tongues. I do these things. I cast out devils."** Jesus said, "Many will come to Me in that day with that same story. 'Lord, haven't I cast out devils in Your Name. Have I not prophesied in Your Name? In Your Name, have I done many mighty works?' And then I will confess to them, 'Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity. I don't even know you.'" That kind of changes the picture, doesn't it, brother?...

**Don't never look at a man by what he can do in the sign of works.** That's where he's nothing. He might heal the sick. He might have gifts of prophecy. He might understand all the knowledge...Prophesying is good; speaking in tongues is right. Interpretations is right. Shouting is right. **But you can do those things without being first fundamentally baptized into Christ..** That's not fruits of the Spirit; that's the gifts of the Spirit....**Through faith you can do great things and yet not be borned again of the Spirit of God. Be careful there. It's a danger line,** Pentecostal people. Don't claim everything you hear of God." (Position Of A Believer In Christ 55-0227a).

In 1906 there came a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Church Ages, page 377), and it anointed the people to do many signs and wonders. When the Prophet came, those same people rejected the Word. It goes to show they were not born again and did not have the Comforter inside of them. It goes to show that was **not a return of Pentecost, nor the article of Pentecost**. It goes to show that was not **the Capstone**, because if it was it would receive the Word by Malachi 4. It will say 'amen' to everything and it will believe that message; but they rejected Brother Branham, therefore, their natures were evil.

## **YOU CAN HAVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST AND BE LOST & GO TO HELL**

*Quote: 162 "Many of you think, "I got the baptism of the Holy Ghost; I'm going to heaven." That don't mean one thing that you're going to heaven. No, sir. You can have the baptism of the Holy Ghost every hour in your life and still be lost and go to hell. The Bible says so. See? It's exactly right." (Leadership 65-1207).*

Which Baptism that you could have every hour of your life and go to hell together with it? **Brothers and sisters, that is not the article of Pentecost, because the article of Pentecost seals a man to the day of his redemption.** (Ephesians 4:30).

## **SEALED UNTO DAY OF REDEMPTION**

*Quote: E-93 "The Seal of God is the baptism of the Holy Ghost... Ephesians 4:30 says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby you're sealed till the day of your redemption." (Five Junctions Of Time 56-0122).*

So now that Baptism that Brother Branham was talking about that you could have every hour in your life and go to hell with it, is the article that they received in 1906. That article was a baptism on the flesh. That is what the twelve apostles and the seventy received. But **all those elected men who received that baptism, had to go up to Pentecost for the Corner Stone**. The article of Pentecost is now called the Capstone because we have come to the end of the age.

**"Yes, 1906 Pentecostals had the gifts without the Giver"**. I hope you understand who is the Giver by now? God, Christ; He gave these gifts, and they had the gifts. Like the Prophet of God said, "I could give you an apple but you don't have the tree." Now I could give you thousands of gifts but you don't have me. And God could give men many gifts, because gifts and callings are without repentance, but they don't have God.

How many believe that Balaam had a great gift, and what he prophesied is coming to past even today for Israel? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] But the man was a hireling prophet. The gift was genuine but he was a seed of the serpent. The gift that Judas got was correct, but he was a seed of the serpent. The gift was so genuine that it passed on to Paul. Every epistle that was written by Paul, Judas was supposed to write it; and the great apostolic ministry that was given to Paul, Judas was supposed to have that.

## GOD CHOSE PAUL TO TAKE HIS PLACE

**Quote:** 145 *"Paul was not an apostle according to the twelve. But did you ever notice, they chose Matthias, to take Judas' place... Never hear no more of him. But God chose Paul to take his place... it shows the difference between the choosing of man and the choosing of God." (Word Became Flesh India Trip 54-1003m).*

On the Day of Pentecost they cast lots and chose Matthias. Where in the Word you ever heard that Jesus chose the Apostles by lots? That was man's doing in the Upper Room; but God's choice was Paul later on. God never chose the Apostles by casting lots; what is the matter with you? He passed by and hand-picked them. He said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." The one that was missing who would take Judas' place, the Lord appeared to him in a Pillar of Fire and called him as he called the other Apostles. Brother Paul was hand-picked to be that Apostle and he got the bishopric of Judas. That is why you never heard anything about the Book of Matthias in the Bible. That is why you never heard about an apostolic ministry for Matthias. That was done through gambling. You don't have gifts by gambling. Notice they cast lots for the coat of our Lord. That was gambling. That was Roman gambling and they brought that into the upper room.

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**Question#219:**

**Heretical Article No. 165:**

"Some say that all nine gifts are in full operation in the message but only need setting in order."

**Answer:**What! "Nine gifts are in full operation but it only needs a little trimming up here and there and setting in order?" **I am asking these deceivers, "Where?"** Where are these nine divers gifts that you are boasting about? Is it in Coleman's church in New York? Is it in C.W. Woods' Church in Arkansas? Is it in China, is it in India? I am telling you that it is not here in Trinidad. Is it in America? Where is it? This claim that "Nine divers gifts are in full operation but only need setting in order" is a lie of the devil! If you are talking about the **gifts that travelled down from 1906** and are still in the church, it is impossible to set that in order! Brother Branham tried to set that in order in his church in 1963 and failed. Do you know why he could not set that in order brothers and sisters? They were from the 1906 era and nobody could set that in order. **It was a wild, barbarous operation**, and that is still operating today in the Pentecostal circles, and that is what the **followers of the message has embraced because they deny a return of Pentecost** and deny the coming of the capstone. They said that the capstone is already here because Jesus came at the Seals. It's a lie!

Now when you deny the genuine article that is promised to you, you will have to embrace a counterfeit. So what they are boasting about now is somebody speaking

in tongues and somebody prophesying here and there and they want to say that these gifts are in the church now, and all that they need is a little setting in order. Where can you find it? You cannot find it! Brother Branham tried to set those gifts in order and failed. Nobody can set them in order. It produced corruption and fanaticism, and those are the same gifts that governs the entire so-called Pentecostal system up to today, and **the biggest mistake that the followers of Malachi 4 made were to encourage those kinds of gifts in the church instead of waiting for the genuine** and instead of waiting for charity, which is the capstone.

Every person in this message is supposed to be cleaning their life, seeking the love of God and have a vision of the coming capstone in order to have these perfect gifts operated by perfect love. That's the vision and command of the Prophet.

**Quote: "I'D RATHER HAVE THAT THAN EVERY GIFT OPERATING IN THE CHURCH."**

(Way to have fellowship 55-1009)

Why would Brother Branham say something like that? He said, "*That might sound hard in a Pentecostal group.*" Even because they were based on those gifts from 1906. Brothers and sisters, away with those gifts from 1906. All these gifts that travelled down cannot do the job. **Perfect gifts are going to come by perfect love** and that is what we are going to have. Until then, keep the church loving one another, with a vision of eternal life and a vision of the coming capstone.

**Quote: "THE LOVE WILL JUST SETTLE OVER THE BUILDING."**

(God keeps His Word 57-0407M).

That's the coming capstone. So now, this disorder is worldwide; it's the gifts without the giver and Brother Branham failed to set them in order, because it was a wild, barbarous operation and the people that were operating those gifts were not born again nor had the baptism of the Holy Ghost because they blew up in the prophet's face and went their way. They were 'pretended gifts' according to what Brother Branham said.

**MANY OF THOSE GIFTS ARE IMPERSONATED-THEY ARE JUST PRETENDED**

**Quote:** *E-15 "Now, in His Church in the last days, He's portraying His Divine will through the operation of spiritual gifts, and so forth, in His Church, by the gift of preaching, teaching, and so forth, prophecy, and other Divine gifts that He has. Now, dear beloved friends, we have to admit that **many of those gifts are impersonated. Why, we know that they are just pretended. But yet there is a real gift.**" (Darkest Hour Jesus Comes 55-1114).*

So there are 'pretended gifts', and so called Pentecost is built upon 'pretended gifts', and we have a bunch of sign seekers in this age. That is what the Holy Ghost said through prophesy.

### **A GENERATION OF SIGN SEEKERS THAT KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE WORD**

**Quote:** 175-4 *"But what do we have in this our day? **Multitudes are working signs until we have a generation of sign seekers** that know little or nothing about the Word, or a true move of the Spirit of God. If they see blood, oil and fire they are happy; it matters not what is in the Word. They will support any sign, even unscriptural ones. But God has warned us about that. He said in Matthew 24 that in the last days the two spirits would be so close together that only the very elect could tell them apart, for they alone would not be deceived."* (Church ages book).

1906 has produced a generation of sign seekers who know nothing about the Word of God. Give them any kind of sign and wonder they will fall for that. The people who heard the message from so-called Pentecost and came over and started believing and preaching the message, brought over that kind of conception, those kinds of gifts, and they **still rely upon the same article of 1906, to go in the rapture. They cannot go in the rapture with the article of 1906.**

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**Question#220:**

**Heretical Article No. 166:**

"In our church, ministers are led by prophecies from the prophets; should they do that?"

**Answer:** Oh, you have prophets? **A minister should be led only by the Word of God and by the Spirit of God and any prophecy that he obeys should dovetail with the Word of God and the message of the hour**, and if a prophecy is contrary to the Word of God then that minister should not obey that prophecy. First thing I would ask here, **how do you determine who are prophets in your church?** There is a difference of a man prophesying and a prophet. A man who prophesies does not necessarily have to be a prophet and Brother Branham made that very clear. And I am sure that because somebody prophesies in your churches in Africa and India they titled them and gave them the credentials of a prophet. Prophets are not determined because a man gets up and prophesies.

Now this is the operation of the gifts. There are gifts that belong to the church, the mystical body of Jesus Christ. When the Church of God is gathered, and these nine gifts of the Spirit start moving, if you were born in a certain way, let us take prophecy for example, the Holy Spirit could come and abide upon this brother here tonight and the gift of prophecy could operate through him and he could speak for the Spirit and never have that again in life. That never made him a prophet; it was the gift of

prophecy that belongs to the church. The gift of prophecy could fall on a next brother tomorrow night, and he could prophesy and that don't make him a prophet; and the same gift of prophecy could fall on a sister over there and she prophesies, and all three of them never prophesy again in their lives. The Spirit of God could fall on a brother tonight and he could lay his hand upon somebody and they could be healed and it never come to him again. Now but when you talk about a prophet, you are talking about a prophet who is born a prophet. *"If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream."*(Numbers 12:6).

Let me show you the difference between the gift of prophecy and a prophet. When the gift of prophecy operates in a man in the church, it must be judge by three people to see that prophecy is right, according to first Corinthian 14:29. But when a prophet comes from God like Isaiah or William Branham, and he speaks the word of God, nobody judges that. You take it and live, or reject it and die. That's the difference of a prophet and the gift of prophecy working in a man. The gift of prophecy working in a man must be judged, but nobody judges a prophet. And when the gift of prophecy operates in a man, that don't make him a prophet. He may never prophesy again in his life. **He could prophesy by the Spirit of God tonight, and tomorrow an evil spirit jump on him, and he prophesies a lie.** You say, "Brother Bruce how could that ever be?" Tell me why two or three people must judge it then? Why do you have the gift of discernment of spirits in the church then? Even because that man has knowledge of the difference of spirits and if they have one or two fellows like them, they choose them out to discern what kind of spirit that just spoke on the man. So that is why it must be judged by two or three people, and when they judge they say, "It is not according to the Word. The man said to baptize in titles of Father, Son and Holy Ghost." So they reject that prophet.

### **CAN SATAN USE A GIFT OF TONGUES OR PROPHECY IN A PERSON**

**Quote:** 1022-Q-292. *"Brother Branham, **can Satan use a gift of tongues or prophecy in a person who has the Holy Ghost?***

*In 1 Corinthians 14:29 we find out that **any gift in the church has got to be judged first.** See? You have to watch, **'cause evil spirits slip in.** Because remember, the rain falls on the just and the unjust." (Ques. & Ans. 64-0823e).*

### **SOMETIMES IN THESE MINOR MINISTRIES, YOU GET SPIRITS THAT'S WRONG**

**Quote:** 880-40 *"When these people meet together, let them who have wisdom first come. Because if one speaks in tongues and gives an interpretation **according to Scripture, that cannot be received unless it be witnessed by two or three people...**Because... **And sometimes in these minor ministries, just like in any other ministry, you get spirits that's wrong (See?); they'll fly in there. And we don't want that.**" (Church Order 63-1226).*

## **TWO OR THREE HAVE TO SET AND JUDGE A PROPHECY**

**Quote:** 136 *"Now, if a prophecy goes forth, two or three have to set and judge whether that's right or not 'fore the church can receive it."* (The Rapture 65/12/04).

The first thing I will ask here, my beloved brethren who are **following these prophecies in the church of God, did they come in a scriptural manner?** When the prophecy came forth from your prophet, whom you call a prophet; **did you have three spiritual men to judge the prophecy?** Did you have another spiritual man with the discernment of spirits to confirm whether that is a right spirit or a wrong spirit, before you accepted that? Whatever was prophesied to you to lead you to go to Japan or go to China, marry a sister in the church, go out as an evangelist or go out as an apostle; **did you put that prophecy under test of the word of God, before you as a minister obeyed that?**

## **YOU DON'T EXAMINE YOUR PROPHECY WITH GOD'S WORD**

**Quote:** 39-6 *"They were prophets, but if they'd have stopped and examined their prophecy with the Word... They reasoned; they said, "That belongs to us, so we'll go up to Ramoth Gilead and we'll take it...That's what's the matter today. You don't examine your visions your prophecy and your doctrine with God's Word."* (Way of a true prophet 62-0513m).

Now the **devil could come into the church through prophecy**, minister brothers, and sweeten you up by many prophecies and **make you get a big "swellhead"**, as Ahab's head was swollen through four hundred prophets. An evil spirit from God came upon Ahab's prophets and they all prophesied that they should go to war, and will take Ramoth Gilead and have the victory, and there was only one prophet called Micaiah who was speaking by the Spirit of God. Now I would have you to know that those four hundred prophets whom Ahab had were not false prophets, they were genuine Jewish prophets, but they had the wrong spirit, because they were backslidden; and God allowed that evil spirit to speak through the mouths of those prophets to deceive Ahab that he might fall in battle.

All these things are deceptions ministers. You've got to watch for deception. Yes! Gifts that travel down from 1906 is right under the message today, and in order to deceive backslidden preachers to go to battle, to fight at Ramoth Gilead, telling them that they are going to win thousands of souls. Prophecies could come to the church and start swelling your head: "My servant had spoken tonight; obey him or perish. I will lift him up and send him around the world. I love my servant." And another person prophesies tomorrow night, and a next man prophesies another night, and another fellow prophesies the next week, **and that could be a devil, just for that minister to start thinking that he is someone great.** And his shoulders start raising, and he goes around with a big chest and say, "I have thus saith the Lord!" Where did you get your thus saith the Lord from? "A Sister spoke last week. A Brother spoke last week!" Did you check that out? "I have thus saith the Lord that I am an Evangelist, I have thus saith the Lord that I am an Apostle." Yes friends, and he got his head big and swollen. The devil deceiving him right on the pulpit.

A next prophecy comes forth: "Whosoever comes against my servant, I will cut them off." Oh, he thinks he has great power. "I will use him in a mighty way throughout the world." **The devil is speaking in the church to overthrow that minister with pride, ambition and self.** Then, after a while, that same woman who was prophesying falls in adultery, and that same man who was prophesying falls in adultery. Try the spirits. *"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." (1 Thessalonians 5:21). "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God." (1 John 4:1).*

Then another sister says, "Oh pastor, when I was sitting over there I saw a light over you." That fellow gets blown up. He says, "I have vindication from God. The Pillar of Fire is with me." Watch out friends, a devil is setting a trap for you ministers.

Now, let us examine these things that I just said, by what Brother Branham had to say on this subject of prophets and prophecy.

### **YOU'RE MAKING PROPHETS OUT OF MEN THAT'S NOT PROPHETS**

**Quote:** 63 *"Now, here's where the Latter Day Rain... Where you got off, was this, you're making prophets out of them men and things that's not prophets... Prophets are borned. See? In the Bible there's a gift of prophecy. There's where your mistake was between the gift of prophecy and a prophet... the Body of Christ has nine spiritual gifts operating in it. And it might be on this woman tonight, prophecy, may never be the rest of her life. It may be on this woman the next night, may be on this man the next time, may be on that one back there the next time. That doesn't make her a prophet, doesn't make no one a prophet. It's a gift of prophecy in you. And before that man or that prophecy can be given to the church, it has to be judged before two or three spiritual judges... Paul said, "You all may prophesy one by one."... Well, that would make the whole bunch prophets then according to the teaching of today. No, Pentecostal church, we've got things all scrupled up. And that's the reason God can't come in, till we get the thing straightened out and on the Bible... **A prophet is born.** Gifts and calling without repentance. That's the foreordination of God from the baby up. Everything was perfectly right along, exactly what he said was the truth and vindicated and brought out. It's the Word of God comes to the prophet. **But a gift of prophecy is in the church...** And the gift of healing and all those gifts, my Pentecostal friend, you got it mixed up. **The gifts are in the church, are subject to any person that's in the church, anybody that's baptized into the body.**" (Demonology 2 Religious 53-0609).*

### **NINE SPIRITUAL GIFTS OPERATE ANYWHERE IN THE CHURCH**

**Quote:** E-10 *"There's nine spiritual gifts in the church. They operate anywhere in the church... They are here in the body. Gifts of healing, gifts of prophecy, it might fall upon someone here tonight, this lady setting here, this man, or this man; and he may give a prophecy and it would be true. But it would never work on him maybe again.... See, **that doesn't make him a prophet.** That makes... We're in the body. By one Spirit we're baptized in the body and subject to these gifts. **That gift of***

**healing might be on them tonight. It might be upon this lady here tomorrow night, and upon this man over here the next night. It might come back to her. It's in the church--the body." (Expectations 50-0810).**

Do you see how these gifts operate? But that don't make the man a prophet. Similar quotations can be found on: *Voice of the sign 64-0214: "There's a million miles difference between a gift of prophecy and a prophet."* *Expectations 50-0810, Be Of Good Cheer 54-0721, I Perceive You Are A Prophet 53-0614e, I Will Restore 53-1110, We Would See Jesus 62-0712, Angel And The Commission 50-0821, Influence Of Another 62-1013."*

All those quotations are saying the same thing over here that the gift of prophecy is different from a prophet. **{Quote WMB None Judas prophets}** That divides the prophet from the gift of prophecy. **My Brother overseas, there is where I believe that you are making a terrible mistake by calling men prophets because they got up in the church and prophesied.** That doesn't make them prophets. Brother Branham condemned that error and said that the gift of prophecy is a million miles away from a prophet.

Many ministers are being led by these "prophets" of the church. You first have to distinguish whether they are prophets or they prophesied. How do you determine whether a man is a prophet? Was that man born a prophet? The Word of the Lord comes to the prophet. Did the Word of the Lord come to him? There is a great difference between a prophet and a prophesier. God do not have his gifted ministers dependant upon a gift of prophecy and a prophesier. He speaks to him directly and may confirm that revelation by other gifts. God spoke to Saul of Tarsus, and confirmed the same by Ananias. God spoke to Peter and confirmed that revelation by Cornelius. He does not have his servants as dumb driven cattles through the gifts of prophecy, or dream as they are secondary and uncertain and can fail, be wrong and deceptive.

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**Question#221:**

**Heretical Article No. 167:**

"Our prophets' gifts are being perfected; they are now learning to speak. Thus some things don't come to pass. The gifts are not yet perfected, Brother Branham said."

**Answer:** **This is a heresy and nonsense! Brother Branham never said no such thing.** This kind of old talk came from church order where Brother Branham said that gifts are coming into the church and we have babies here that don't know how to control the gifts. He said.

Quote: 876-23 *"The first thing a baby does is try to talk when he can't talk... And if you try to correct that baby and spank him a little bit because he's "going" and trying to talk, you'll ruin the child (See?) and you'll hurt him... that's just the same thing we find with gifts today. That's the reason God cannot trust too many*

*spiritual gifts with people; **they don't know how to control them.**" (Church Order 63-1226).*

So now they are relating the control of gifts to the fulfilment of prophecies, and they are saying on this heresy concerning gifts, that the **prophecies are failing because the gifts are not yet perfected. It's a heresy, and it's a lie of the devil! Any prophecy that does not come to pass is of the devil.** That's the words of William Branham invested in the scriptures. Every prophecy has got to come to pass, and if they don't come to pass you have an evil spirit in you that need casting out. It must not be vain repetition of words: "The Lord is coming soon." Etc.

### **PROPHECIES MUST NOT BE VAIN REPITITIONS**

**Quote:** 880-39 **"Now, we all know that the Lord is coming; we're aware of that. And if Brother Neville got up each night and said, "Behold, the Lord is coming. Behold, the Lord is coming," that would be all right. See?... **prophecy, or a prophet speaking; that's something that's not written in the Word...** Like, for instance, "Tell Brother Wheeler, **THUS SAITH THE LORD**, 'Tomorrow, in his sand pit, not to go to it, because there'll be a truck turn over,'" or something like that, and it's got to be done. (Church Order 63-1226).**

### **IF IT DON'T COME TO PASS, DON'T DO IT TILL THAT EVIL SPIRIT'S OUT OF YOU**

**Quote:** **"Now, then if someone writes a message that's been given in tongues or given in prophecy, and laid upon the platform, it must be read by the pastor before the service starts, of "THUS SAITH THE LORD" from these people who spoke and interpreted it... If it doesn't come to pass, then don't do it any more till that evil spirit's out of you. God don't lie; He's always Truth. Then, you see, you're old enough now to act like men, not children: "Goo, goo, goo," you got to have some meaning to something." (Church Order 63-1226).**

This here straightens out this heresy. The prophet of God said that **whether you are saying , "Goo, goo, goo" as children and you prophesy false, you have an evil devil inside of you, that you need to get out.** So the excuse that you are making by this heresy is that your 'prophets' are goo, gooing and the preachers and the church are yet goo, gooing, and that is why your prophecies fail. You lied! You are making an excuse for your lying prophecies.

### **IF IT DOESN'T COME TO PASS, YOU GOT A EVIL SPIRIT AMONG YOU**

**Quote:** 63 **"Now, and there's how demons sometimes working... "If one speaks with tongues and the other one interpret, and whatever he said, let it be judged first 'fore the church can receive it."... If that doesn't come to pass, what that said, then you've got a evil spirit among you... Now, that's where you have to watch and be**

careful. So don't try to press... Now, **there's where demons work in the realm of spiritual people.**" (Demonology 2 Religious 53-0609).

### **PROPHECY IS TO FORETELL FUTURE EVENTS**

**Quote:** 563-Q-118 "Can a message be called prophesy that does not foretell future events? **No, sir. "Prophecy" is "to foretell."**" (Questions & Answers 61-0112).

Similar Quotations can be found on: *Birth pains* 65-012 'Carnal impersonations and bogus prophecy', *Darkest Hour Jesus Comes* 55-1114 'Many of those gifts are impersonated and pretended', *Questions and Answers* 64-0823e 'Any gift has to be judged first 'cause evil spirits slip in', *Debate on tongues* 60-0807 'Satan can impersonate any of those gifts', *Voice of the sign* 64-0214 'He goes by impression and says, **THUS SAITH THE LORD**' *Demonology 2 Religious* 53-0609 'Demons impersonating Christianity'.

All these nonsense we heard in so-called Pentecost in the name of prophecy that the Lord is coming soon, the Bible already said that. If you want to know what is genuine prophecy check your Bible. So every prophesy must come to pass, otherwise it's an evil spirit working in you. In so-called Pentecost they prophecy thousands of prophecies that don't come to pass and they just go on preaching. One man said that, "The gift is not perfected yet." God is not a liar. If God is speaking to you it must come to pass.

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**Question#222:**

**Heretical Article No. 168:**

"Some speak in tongues without interpretation in the open congregation and defies William Branham's teaching on church order; is that right? Some say the Lord is coming soon."

**Answer:**No, that is deadly wrong! Brother Branham condemned that throughout his teaching. Prophecy has got to be a direct message. A prophesy or anything else must be according to the word or it is wrong.

### **TONGUES AND PROPHECY NOT TO BE USED AT ALL DURING SERVICE**

**Quote:** 533-Q-112 "**In what order is tongues and prophecies to be used during the service... (It is not to be used at all during the service. See?)... The Bible says, "The spirit of the prophets is subject to the prophet." Exactly. **Spiritual speaking in tongues and prophesying is to edify the church, but it has its service of its own. See?"****" (Questions And Answers 61-0112).

## ANYWHERE IN THE CHURCH, KEEP SILENT IF THERE'S NO INTERPRETER

**Quote:** 553-Q-115 115. *"Is it all right for a person to speak with tongues when praying for others about the altar without interpretation?"*

*I Corinthians 14th chapter and the 28th verse: If there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church...All right. Now, if there be no interpreter anytime in the church, anywhere in the church, keep silent if there's no interpreter."* (Questions And Answers 61-0112).

The prophet of God did set the church in order. He said no open speaking of tongues in the congregation. All those with tongues, interpretations or prophesy must gather into a room before the service; prophesy, speak in tongues and interpret, put it on the pulpit, mark 'Thus saith the Lord under that', let the pastor read it, and if it don't come to pass you have an evil spirit.

**Brother Branham caged all those unclean spirits when he set the church in order.** He was a wise man. He knew that those gifts were travelling down from 1906 under the message. He wanted to cage all those unclean spirits. He said, "Now I have a little room and you must go in there." You talk about the wisdom of God. He said, "Make your prophecy and I will send in three men in there to judge whether they are right or not, and if these three men pass it as right, bring it to the pulpit, we will put it here as 'Thus saith the Lord'. If it doesn't come to pass you have an evil devil in you. You have to go and get that evil devil out of you and don't prophesy again."

I doubt that lasted for many services. **He caged all those spirits and they left and ran down to Junior Jackson.** Now, one fellow was too outspoken. He said: *"They went down amongst the 'dead birds... the reason of it, because when I set the church here in a certain order, when I come back, to see if I could get the manifestation of the gifts, half of them pulled away from it."* (Questions & Answers 64-0823E). How could you be following a message, and a prophet of God stand up and tell you what to do and you have a better idea than the prophet? You have an evil spirit!

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**Question#223:**

**Heretical Article No. 169:**

"Some are offended when corrected on tongues and prophecy."

**Answer:** Brother Branham said that anyone who is offended when they are corrected for misuse of a gift has an evil spirit, and if that was the Spirit of God it will obey the Word of God.

## WHEN CORRECTING SOMEONE ABOUT A GIFT AND THEY GET OFFENDED

**Quote:** 535-150 *When you ministers are correcting someone about a gift, when you're correcting them, are Scripturally correcting them, and they get offended, remember, it wasn't the Spirit of God; 'cause the Spirit of God cannot be offended by His Word... And if it's of God, he'll stand correction with the Word. See?" (Questions And Answers 61-0112).*

## IF IT CANNOT STAND CHASTISEMENT, THEN IT'S A BASTARD CHILD

**Quote:** 1022-124 *"I believe that those **tongues** and people that got them gifts... They got a ministry of their own, but **it don't belong here in the middle of the audience** where the sinners are being dealt with... **but I let them go ahead awhile... I told the brethren "Let it alone. After while we'll find out whether it's of God or not. If it cannot stand chastisement, then it's a bastard child." Exactly what the Bible said.**" (Questions And Answers 64-0823e).*

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**Question#224:**

**Heretical Article No. 170:**

"Our pastor speaks in tongues from the pulpit without interpretations; is it wrong or right?"

**Answer:** Wrong! *"If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. **But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church;** and let him speak to himself, and to God." (1 Corinthians 14:27-28).*

You must have an interpreter before you speak in tongues, and only two or three persons can speak at a time. There were so many gifts in the church back in the early time that Brother Paul had to regulate them. He said, "Only two or three people can speak in tongues and interpret. Only three prophets can prophesy, and the other hundreds sit down." Possibly five hundred people speaking in tongues and interpreting genuine prophecies had to sit down yet. **Where is the church like that today? You don't have it. Don't take a counterfeit when the heavens are filled with the genuine gifts of God. It comes by the next outpouring of the Holy Spirit.**

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**Question#225:**

**Heretical Article No. 171:**

"Some who had demons in their idol religions in Africa and India came to the message and continue to prophesy. They fall down, prostrate themselves, foam at their mouths, act funny, their eyes bulge and get red, and they look very fierce; is that the Holy Ghost or not?"

**Answer:**With all sincerity my brother, I cannot say that is the Holy Ghost because this resembles, very much, the voodoo religion, the shango religion, and the so-called Baptist religion: Their eyes get red and they pick up a cutlass and do all kinds of a magic. I never read in the scripture where the Holy Spirit caused anybody to foam at their mouth, but I read in the scripture where Jesus cast a devil out and the devil threw down the boy and he was foaming at the mouth.

All such prostrating is not of God. Christians do not prostrate. Heathens prostrate before idols. Brother Branham said that Christians should not prostrate themselves, like heathen do yet they prostrate their souls before the spirit of God in repentance.

**Quote:** 32"*the history of the early church, that the reason there was no altars in the church. Because **falling prostrate at an altar is a pagan form of worship and is not a Christian idea at all.***" (Paradox 61-1210).

**Quote:** "***May this altar find them laying prostrate upon it, begging mercy for their sinful soul.***" (The Messiah 61-0117E-11 ).

**Quote:** E-67 "*And the sinner man, woman, boy, or girl, who doesn't know Thee, **may they come, lay themselves prostrate at the altar just now and say, "Dear God, I now, by faith, receive Jesus Christ, Thy Sacrifice for my sins. He died in my stead."***" (Jehovah Jireh 56-0224).

As for their eyes looking demonic, blood-shot, bulging out and getting red, I cannot describe that as the Holy Spirit but I will describe that as a shango man's manifestations in this country, but again, the test is the Word of God: hear what the man is prophesying see if it adds up with the Word of God, and before he frightens the people in the congregation put him in a room, otherwise people might run out of the church.

Let him speak, let him foam and watch your case while you are inside there with him. I am serious friends! Sit down by the door. You may lose your life. The first funny action you see, run for your life. Some of these spirits are dangerous my friends. But don't matter what manifestation a man has, we all come back to the Word of God. See what he says about the Word of God. The Bible said, "*Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.*" (2 Corinthians:11: 14).

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**Question#226:**"How are Gifts set in order in the church of God?"

**Answer:**The gifts were being operated by the Apostles and the seventy when Jesus came the first time. Those gifts were never set in order at that time. We never

heard of divers gifts set in order while Jesus was on earth. How were the gifts set in order? Everybody could answer that question. Beloved, the answer is very, very simple; **these gifts were set in order by an Outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, and it only takes the Outpouring of the Holy Ghost to set these gifts in order again.**

### **HEADSTONE- SUPER CHURCH, WORD OF GOD**

**Quote:** 119-4"*These last days, true church Bride comes to the Headstone, will be the super church, a super race. As they near the great Headstone they will be so much like Him, even they will be in His very image in the order to be united with Him. They will be One. They will be the very manifestation of the Word of the living God... Notice, what harmony. Jesus never did anything until seen of the Father or the Father showed Him first: (Harmony between God and Christ. See? John 5:19) So will the Bride... They do only His will... They have THUS SAITH THE LORD, or they keep still. Then they will do the works of God. For it is Himself in them, continuing His Word to fulfill as He did complete in His day.*" (Spoken Word Original Seed 62-0318e).

**Brother Branham related all of these gifts to the super church and a super race by the coming of the Capstone. The only time that you will see the gifts set in order is when the Capstone of Love does come; it sets the gifts in order. And we are going to have them. In one hour time, when the Capstone comes you will have every spiritual gift in the House of God. Yes! That's the truth of God's Word.**

Now friends, I am going to give an example of a true prophecy. Not a bogus one. This is the most marvellous prophecy that I have ever read about, and it is a good example of what a true prophecy is. This man may not have been a prophet. It dates back to the reformation age in 1619. Nobody knows who made this prophecy, but on sure thing, the Holy Spirit made it.

**This prophecy was found amongst the papers of a wonderful man who Brother Branham spoke about called Charles Price (*Is your life worthy 63-0630E*). How it got to him, nobody knows. It's proven to be one hundred percent truth by the opening of the seven seals, 1963.**

**"There shall be a total and full redemption by Christ.** This is a hidden mystery not to be understood without the revelation of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is at hand to reveal the same unto all holy seekers and loving enquirers. **The completion of such a redemption is withheld and abstracted by the apocalyptic seals. Wherefore as the Spirit of God shall open seal after seal, so shall this redemption come to be revealed, both** particularly and universally. In the gradual opening of the mystery of redemption in Christ, doth consist the unsearchable wisdom of God which may continually reveal new and fresh things to the worthy seeker in order to which the ark of the testimony in heaven shall be opened before the end of this age and the living testimony herein contained shall be unsealed.

The presence of the divine ark will constitute the life of this **virgin church** and wherever this body is, there must the ark of necessity be. The unsealing of the living testimony with the ark of God must begin the proclamation of the testimony will be as the sounding of a trumpet to alarm the nations of professed Christendom. **Authority shall be given** by Christ to the putting an **end to all controversies concerning the true church** that is born of the New Jerusalem mother. His decision will be the **actual sealing of the body of Christ** with the name (or authority) of God, giving them a commission to act by the same. **This new name** (or authority) will distinguish them from the seven thousand names of Babylon.

**The election and preparation of this virgin church is to be after a secret and hidden manner.** As David in his ministry was chosen and appointed by the prophet of the Lord; yet was not admitted to the outward profession of the kingdom for a considerable time. Afterward of the stem of David a virgin church, which hath known nothing of a man or human constitution is to be born, and it will **require some time for it to get out of the minority and arrive at full and mature age.** **The birth of the virgin church** was typified by St. John's vision where the great wonder appeared in heaven bring forth the first born that was caught up to the throne of God, (or identified with the authority of God). For as a virgin woman brought forth Christ after the flesh, so shall a virgin-church bring forth the first born after the Spirit, who shall be endowed with the seven spirits of God. This church so brought forth and sealed with the mark of divine authority, will have **no bonds or impositions**, but the holy unction among **these new born** spirits will be all and all.

**There is not at this day (1619) visible upon the earth such a church, all profession being found light when weighed in the balances**, therefore they are rejected by the supreme judge, which rejection will be for this cause that out of them may come a new and glorious church. Then shall the glory of God and the Lamb so rest upon this typical tabernacle, so that it shall be called the tabernacle of wisdom, and though it is not now known in visibility, yet it shall be seen as **coming out of the wilderness within a short time**, then will it go on to multiply and propagate itself universally, not only to the number of the first born (144,000) but also to the remnant of the seed, against whom the dragon will make war continually. Wherefore the spirit of David shall revive in this church, the most especially in some **elect members** of it as the blossoming root. These will have **might given to them** to overcome the dragon and his angels, even as David overcame goliath and the philistine army.

This will be the standing up of the great Prince Michael, and will be as the appearing of Moses against pharaoh, in order that the chosen seed may be brought out of hard servitude. Egypt doth figure this servile duration under which Abraham's seed groans, **but a prophet and the most prophetic general will the most high raise up who shall deliver his people by the force of spiritual arms, for which there must be raised certain head powers to bear the first office**, who are to be persons in favor with God whose **dread and fear** shall fall on all nations, visible and invisible, because of the **mighty acting power of the Holy Spirit which shall rest upon them; for Christ will appear in some chosen vessels to bring into the promised land the new creation states.** Thus **Moses, Joshua and Aaron** may be considered types of some upon whom the Spirit will come; yet in greater proportion. Whereby they shall make way for the ransomed of the Lord to return to Mt. Zion; but

none shall stand under God but those who have become the "tried" stones, after the pattern and similitude of Christ.

This will be a fiery trial through which a very few will be able to pass or bear up in it, whereby the **waiters for this visible breaking forth are strictly charged to hold fast and wait together in the unity of pure love.** This trial will be of absolute necessity to all for the clearing away of all remaining infirmities of the natural mind, and the burning away of all wood and stubble, for nothing must remain in the fire, for as a refiner shall he purify the sons of the kingdom.

There will be some who will be fully redeemed, being clothed upon with priestly garment **after the Melchisedec order.** This will qualify them for governing authority. Therefore it is required on their part to suffer the spirit of burning and fanning of the fiery breath, searching every part within them until they **arrive at a fixed body from whence the wonders are to flow out.**

Upon this body will be the fixation of the urim and thummin that are the portion of the Melchisedec priesthood whose descent is not counted in the genealogy which is the new creation. Hence these priests will have a deep inward search and **divine sight into secret things of deity;** will be able to prophesy in a clear ground, not darkly and enigmatically, for they will know what is couched in the first originality of all beings, in the eternal antitype of nature, and will be able to bring them forth according to the divine counsel and ordination. The Lord sweareth in truth and righteousness that from Abraham's line, according to the spirit, there shall rise a holy seed, produced and manifested in the last age. The mighty spirit of Cyrus is appointed to lay the foundation of this third temple and support it in the building.

**There are characteristics and marks whereby the pure, virgin church shall be known and distinguished from all others that are low, false, and counterfeit. There must be a manifestation of the spirit whereby bringing heaven down upon the earth, (to edify and raise up this church)** and representing here the new Jerusalem state, in order to which spirits are thus begotten and born of God, ascend to New Jerusalem above, where their head in majesty doth reign. None but those who have risen with Christ in the regeneration can thus ascend, and none but those who have ascended and received of his glory can condescend and communicate the same, being thereby his representative on the earth and subordinate priests under him now; he that has ascended and glorified has made himself as it were, our debtor, consequently he will not be wanting in qualifying and furnishing certain high and principal instruments who shall be most humble, and as little regarded as David was; who he will dignify with honour and priestly sovereignty for drawing to them the scattered flocks, and gathering them into one fold out of all nations. Therefore there should be a holy emulation and ambition stirred up among the bands of believers that they may be of the first fruits unto him that is risen from the dead, and so be made principal agents for him and with him, that they may be, if possible, of the number of the first born of the new Jerusalem mother. All true waiters of his kingdom in spirit under whatsoever profession they may be, ought to be numbered among this message appertains. Be watchful and quicken your pace."

**I don't believe that the man who wrote this prophecy understood very much about what he wrote.** Let me tell you the truth, the only people who could

understand this prophecy are those who are exposed to this revelation of Brother Branham's message and the opening of the Seals. And if you are not born again, this prophecy would not mean very much to you. It's a total impossibility for a man to write that by himself in 1619; it is a total impossibility for an organizational man to fabricate this, and it is a total impossibility for a man in the message to fabricate this, because this is speaking our language, that came from the opening of the Seals.

Every single item in this prophecy is of great importance. Messages that were preached over the years dovetail exactly with this: The Melchisedec order, the coming of the Capstone, which is foreign even to the people who follow this message. There is no theologian that could put that together. It exposes the organisational system. You could know that it's divinely inspired of the Holy Spirit. Our brethren overseas will benefit, to a great extent. They will rejoice when they hear these tapes and when they read this book.

## VISIONS AND DREAMS

*"For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words...For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God." (Ecclesiastes 5:1-7).*

Tonight we will turn our attention to speak of other gifts, having spoken about the five-fold ministry office gifts, then continued with the divers gifts of the Spirit: their manifestations, operations, order and disorder, there are several other gifts in the scriptures that are of vital importance. So tonight **we will deal with visions, dreams, music and songs**. These things are no doubt very simple to you because you are established in these things from day to day, you have seen it for decades and you don't need much teaching again on these things, but it means something to somebody somewhere or they would not ask the multitude of questions that was sent to us.

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### Organists and Pianists

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**Question#227:**"Brethren say they were asleep and saw visions; please explain the difference from a dream?"

## Answer:

### A VISION IS DIFFERENT FROM A DREAM

**Quote:** E-2 "A vision is different from a dream... Well, in one way it's a kind of a vision, but you're unconscious... And then, a **vision, you don't go to sleep at all; you just stand and look it.**" (Explaining Healing And Jairus 54-0216).

A vision is a separate experience from a dream, but like unto a dream. One you see things (if it is coming from the Lord) that are going to come to pass in the future while you are conscious and awake. That's a vision. And a dream is when you are asleep, but not very sound asleep. Now **most dreams take place between sleep and wake, and there are much fanaticism concerning dreams around the world.**

### THAT'S WHAT'S THE TROUBLE TODAY-IT'S GOT THE WHOLE THING MESSED UP

**Quote:** "If a man gives a dream, and it don't compare with God's Bible, it's false... I don't care what kind of a dream you had or what kind of a prophecy you give; if it isn't God's Word, it's wrong if it don't compare with that Word. That's what's the trouble today: one has a dream, one has a vision; one has a tongue; one has a revelation; it's got the whole thing so messed up and everything; you got denominations and broke up everything. You ought to bring it back to a final Foundation, and that's God's Word. That's true." (Demonology.2 Religious 53-0609).

Some assume that they can interpret dreams and you have them on the radio, magazines and different places, and people want to know the meaning of their dreams, but there aren't no theologians, no bible schools, astrologers nor soothsayers can interpret a dream from the Lord and this was proven in scriptures many times, which is very good to references to combat the fanaticism concerning dreams and visions.

If those astrologers had the right to the interpretation of a dream they would have done it in the days of Nebuchadnezzar and they would have done it in the days of Egypt before the Pharaoh. So that's a good lesson that we can draw there for all the impersonators who claim that they have the right to the interpretation of a dream. **There is only one who has the interpretation of a dream and that's a prophet** and that was proven in the days of Joseph; though he was in jail they had to bring him out to interpret a dream and they had to bring Daniel to interpret a dream, and all the astrologers, soothsayers, Chaldeans, wise men, magis and everybody failed but there was a man in the kingdom who interpreted that dream.

So a vision is a separate experience and you are conscious; and in order to see that vision you are born in a certain way. When the Lord brought you into this world he designed you in a certain way to see visions, and to dream that certain type of dream you are born in a certain way.

The prophet of God, Malachi 4, the greatest teacher, the greatest apostle, the greatest prophet, the greatest evangelist and the greatest pastor sent to the earth today when he explained what it is to see a vision and dream a dream, he astounded the medical profession and they said that they never thought of that before, and his explanation concerning seeing a vision, he said, "You have a good example is that if you put your hand in fire, before you could think you pull it away. Now that's the operation of the subconscious that pulls you away from danger. Now the prophet of God explained that a man who sees visions, his conscious mind and his subconscious mind are sitting close together, they are linked together and when he was born God designed him like that, that he can be conscious and see a vision, but then the next person to dream a dream their conscious and subconscious are set apart in a certain way that they can dream a dream between sleep and wake. And then there is another person that doesn't dream at all. He said, "Their conscience is far apart and they can go to sleep and sleep very sound, and the person who sleeps very sound don't have dreams or seldom has a dream." The Lord designed you in that way, to see a vision, or dream a dream and he said, "If the Lord did not design you to see a vision, don't try to see one, because you were not designed to see that vision."

So now, **not only prophets see visions**. The Bible said, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." (Acts 2:17). So **not because you see a vision that means you are a prophet**. No, it means the Lord designed you to see a vision.

## **GOD MADE THIS MAN TO DREAM DREAMS AND THIS ONE TO SEE VISIONS**

**Quote:** *"Now, if you're subconscious is back there, there's no reason of you trying to see a vision. **You wasn't made up like that...** And this man that sees visions can't help it, he's just made up like that. **God made this man not to dream dreams, and made this one to see visions.** Now, instead of going to sleep, a seer... He doesn't go to sleep like the dream does, but it's just so close to him till he just breaks from one to another. And he sees things just like a dream."*(Preparation 53-1111).

Now, I could stand up here and tell of the both experiences: visions and dreams, from a personal point of view because I experienced both. But then in a time like this where the whole world is dreaming, seeing visions, "everybody met God and had an experience", I don't want that kind of projection to the world where these tapes and books are going to.

Now if you notice carefully, I leave off those experiences and if I even mention those experiences I don't put my name to it, even because **there are so many people who are building their ministries upon experiences rather than the Word of God**, and that is Pentecostalism to the core; so it's a generation of sign seekers. So on account of that **my experiences have not gone into these books and tapes, even because I want people to be built upon the word of God**, not fanaticism. So definitely, from my experiences, from what the prophet related and from what the bible speaks, seeing a vision is a gift; it's an experience while you are awake, fully

conscious, something comes over you, something happens to you and while you are awake, sitting on a chair or laying on a bed, then you are transferred or transported into a different dimension. You know that you are laying there, you know that you are awake, you know that the bulbs are lighting and different things, but when you enter into that dimension, what happens to you is like a dream, but it is not a dream. It happens like if you are dreaming, but it is not actually a dream, because you know where you are laying, you are conscious and that goes on and after that you come to yourself and you realize: "I was somewhere, and I seen this and seen that; and then it starts going over your mind of what you really seen. Now that's a vision.

Now a dream, you go to sleep and then something happens that you can dream years of things in just a matter of a few seconds, when you come through that dream, you think it were days or years, but it is just a matter of seconds, and then you enter into that realm, in that certain dimension and it's a different experience. So you see that, and then normally when you have a dream, if it is a very impressive dream it wakes you up, and then it goes over in your mind.

So now this question is saying that certain people go to sleep and when they wake up they say that they seen visions. Now that is not so. This is wrong. Now that's a little mistake, and **when you go to sleep, if you see something, it's a dream and not a vision**. So the difference between a dream and a vision is that you are fully conscious whenever you see a vision, but it is like a dream. Then a dream is when you go to sleep and you have a dream usually between sleep and wake, and it last a few seconds.

### **A PROPHET OR SEER DOESN'T GO TO SLEEP**

**Quote:** 95 *"Now, a prophet or seer doesn't go to sleep; he sees the Angel standing here. The other man just goes to sleep, and he sees the Angel. And the Angel said, "Now, Joseph, there ain't no riddle; **there's nobody there can interpret it for you**. So I'm going to tell you about it. I'm going to make it real to you, 'cause there's nobody there can make it real. Now, don't fear to take Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."* (We Have Seen His Star 63-1216).

Alright, so this fellow did not go to sleep; he is a seer. A seer is a prophet. That's the, Hebrew word for a prophet: "Seer."

### **YOU WERE BORN AND MADE THAT WAY**

**Quote:** E-34 *"We're taught by science that you're dreaming, you're in your subconscious. **Did you ever see a person dreaming? You think you dreamed all night. It isn't that long. Just a moment...a little bit.** You've done dreamed hours of dreams, you think... **The person that's dreaming is not sound asleep.** But you people here who does not dream dreams, your subconscious will be back to a place where you do not reach to it in sleep. You can't help it. **You were born that way. Something that has the rulership over you, and made you that way...** You don't have no control of it; it's your subconscious...God sometimes deals with people through dreams. He did with King Nebuchadnezzar, with Joseph, and Joseph, the*

foster father of Jesus. He promised in the last days, that the old men would dream dreams, young men see visions. See? God sets that in order."(God Testifying Of His Gifts 52-0713e).

And he went on to say that, "Dreams are all right, if they're of God, but they're not too accurate, especially in this day." (Do You Now Believe? 52-0817).

So a vision is not a dream, and a dream is not a vision. One, you are conscious and you can find that in the Old Testament when Balaam was prophesying and he said, "Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and **the man whose eyes are open** hath said: He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, **falling into a trance, but having his eyes open.**" (Numbers 24: 3-4), Now, even false prophets see visions, and there are people with that gift right through the world, so you go to some of these people, like the Baptist people, and they tell you that they saw a vision. They are speaking the truth. You see, **they were born with that gift but use it for the devil.** Gifts and callings are without repentance.

Now if you notice that Nebuchadnezzar was a raw heathen, but he had a spiritual dream. So that proves that gifts and callings are without repentance. Nebuchadnezzar was a raw heathen and that man's prophecies are living up to today. Another thing that you must understand is that when you have a dream and it's interpreted, it becomes prophecy. Nebuchadnezzar's dream was interpreted by a prophet and it became prophecy. Yes.

### **IF A DREAM IS INTERPRETED, IT'S A PROPHECY**

**Quote: 51 "Now, if a dream is interpreted, then it becomes a vision; it's a prophecy." (We Have Seen His Star 63-1216).**

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**Question#228:**

**Heretical Article No. 172:**

"Our pastor's wife dreams and he interprets her dreams; can he do that?"

**Answer:Yes; if he is a prophet.** If your pastor is a prophet then he has the authority to interpret her dream. **If not, he's out of place, in deception of Satan and he's leading that whole congregation wrongly,** possibly into the tribulation. Only a prophet has the right to the interpretation of a dream. The only way that a man can interpret a dream, is to see it by vision again.

### **THE ONLY WAY I CAN GIVE THE INTERPRETATION, I SEE THE DREAM OVER**

**Quote: 2-2"When anyone tells me about a dream, the only way I can give the interpretation, I see that dream over. And many of you here know, that some of**

*you telling me things, that you didn't tell me all about it in the dream; but when I got it over again, I got what you didn't tell. See? **And so you have to see it over again, and then He tells you.*** (Wisdom Versus Faith 62-0401).

## **A VISION HAS TO SHOW THE DREAM, THEN YOU KNOW THE INTERPRETATION**

**Quote:** 17-3 *"No more than I picked up the letter and opened it, before I read it, I saw her dream. **Now, that's the way dreams are interpreted.** Now, many of you has come to me with dreams and say things to me about dreams. I say, "Wait a minute. You never told it all" (See?); and go back and pick it up. Then if you can't tell what you dreamed, how do you know the interpretation's right or not? See? **You've got to see the dream. A vision has to show the dream. And when you see the dream that the person dreamed, and could tell them before they tell you, then you know the interpretation.**"* (Blasphemous Names 62-1104m).

Before Joseph came before pharaoh he had already seen the man's dream by vision because he was a prophet and he knew the answer. He was not afraid to stand up before pharaoh and say, *"I will make the dream and the interpretation known to thee"*, because the man had already seen it in the dungeon; not in the king's palace. And when Daniel came before Nebuchadnezzar, he was not afraid, for he had already seen that. That is why he asked for three days to go before the Lord to see that vision, and when he seen that vision he was positive because he was going to get his neck cut off if he interpreted that thing wrong. And hear the demand that king Nebuchadnezzar made. He said, *"The dream that I dreamt, I forgot all about it! Tell me my dream and tell me the interpretation too!"* They said, *"There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean."* He said, *"I will kill every one of you"*, and he passed a decree over there to slay every one of them because they could not tell him what he dreamt. And Daniel heard it, and he said, *"Why is the decree so hasty from the king?"* He said, *"Give me time, and I will make the dream and the interpretation known"*, and he went to pray, then he seen the vision, he had the king's answer, and when he was brought before the king he had already seen a vision, so he came there and he said, *"Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible"*. Boy, it start coming back to the king. He made Daniel a God after that, because the man had seen his vision.

We had a true prophet today, who demonstrated the same thing. People dreamt dreams and then after they would come before him and he said, *"Hold it right there, you dreamt such and such and such and such"*, because he seen it in a vision. And then there were certain things that they left out in the dream and he said, *"And you also dreamt so and so in that dream there"*. He told one man, *"You are hiding that from me. Always tell the truth. Why did you keep that back?"* Now he had seen the vision. So now there is only one way, my precious brother, that you could interpret a dream and that is to see it in a vision, and you got to be a prophet.

## **JOSEPH A PROPHET COULD INTERPRET DREAMS**

**Quote:** E-68 "**Look at Joseph...When he was borned, he was a prophet. He could prophesy, foretell things to come, interpret dreams.**" (We Would See Jesus 62-0727).

## **A PROPHET UNDERSTANDS DREAMS - HE COULD INTERPRET DREAMS**

**Quote:** 51 "**We find Joseph early, Jacob's son, that how he was a prophet. And a prophet understood dreams...There could be an interpreter of dreams. The Bible said, "If there be one among you who's spiritual, a prophet, I the Lord will make Myself known to him in dreams, and will speak to him through visions."** Now, we find out that **Joseph, the son of Jacob, was that type of a man. That... They'd dream dreams, and then he'd interpret it. He could interpret dreams, and he saw visions. It's all a act of the Spirit.**" (We Have Seen His Star 63-1216).

## **WHEN YOU FIND A MAN THAT'S GOT EVERY INTERPRETATION, BE CAREFUL**

**Quote:** E-36 "**Now, a little girl come to me the other day...And she said, "Brother Branham, I gave you a dream...And I said, "When you find a man that's got every interpretation, just like this, got every--just like that, in the Name of the Lord," I said, "you be careful about that. That's contrary to the Scripture."**" (Influence 63-0112).

**And when you find a pastor who claims he could interpret all your dreams, you better be careful friend; something is wrong with him. When you find a man who claims to know all the answers in the bible and have all the revelation, something is wrong with him; and when Malachi 4 said that he did not know the seven thunders and you find preachers today who say that they know the seven thunders, something is wrong with them.**

## **WE DON'T GO FOR ALL KINDS OF DREAMS**

**Quote:** 175 "**We don't go for all kinds of dreams... And when people tell dreams, if the Lord doesn't give the interpretation, we let it go.**" (Standing in the gap 63-0623M).

**Quote:** 87 "**We don't accept all dreams. No, no.**" (Humble Thyself 63-0714e).

**So all dreams are not of the Lord.**

## **A DREAM IS A KIND OF FICTITIOUS THING**

**Quote:** 51 "**A dream is kind of a fictitious thing.**" (We Have Seen His Star 63-1216).

## PEOPLE CAN OVER EAT AND GET NIGHTMARES-IT'S NOT SPIRITUAL DREAMS

**Quote:** 35 *"Now, people can over eat and so forth and get nightmares, and it's not real spiritual dreams; it don't ring up when you read it. Some of it might seem right, but yet there's real, spiritual dreams. And we know here at the Tabernacle that God gives people dreams and they are interpreted, and they come to pass, and they're real. But it's a secondarily way of doing it. See? Now, the reason it was done then, it was because there was no prophet in the land at that time to interpret the dream...See, he never had need of any interpretation, the dream wasn't in symbols. It was right straight out, "Don't fear to take Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." There was no prophet to give the interpretation, so it had to come directly, right straight like that from God to Joseph. And God taken that secondarily way." (God's Gifts Always Find Place 63-1222).*

Yes! And for this pastor to be interpreting his wife's dreams and trying to run the church like that, he is strictly out of place. The Bible in *Numbers 12:6* said, "If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream." And in *Deuteronomy 18: 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."

Alright, a lot of this goes on around the message where the **pastor's wife keeps on dreaming, and sometimes she has an offence against some sister and she dreams** a dream about her and tells the pastor and he comes and exposes the poor sister as a witch and **exposes the sister as a seed of the serpent**. So now people are suffering under those kinds of quack practice from behind the pulpit. So now this pastor's wife is dreaming and he is the interpreter. An immoral missionary visited this tabernacle, he was in and out and that was his system: His wife used to dream and he did the interpretation. That's quack practices. Most of the people under his ministry, something went wrong with their heads. I'm not joking my friend. I'm talking about visiting the **insane asylum**. I'm talking about people with mental problems, even because of these dreams and all these kinds of **sensations, impressions and everything**. I would say, better than three quarters of his congregation had mental problems. He said that he had a vision to go to China yeah and we exposed him right here in a ministers meeting and we showed him that that's of the devil. After you're a pedophile who defiled many young girls for many years, then you're getting a call now to go to china. Maybe to defile some more! It's a devil talking to him.

So now, many pastors' wives play super-spiritual and they are the ones who prophesy in the church, and this time it is offenses. Sometimes it is gossip and they get up and prophesy against the people, and the pastor does the preaching, and she dreams something about this sister or the brother and those false things bring divisions in the House of God. It hurts people.

**So another thing you got to look for, see if that interpretation of the dream is coming to pass. If it is not coming to pass he is false.** Sometimes you could eat

too much. **Pastor's wife eats too much**, sister super-spiritual eats too much and she dreams a dream, and **pastor eats too much and he interprets it**. So, I would ask the pastor who is interpreting his wife's dream: can he tell what she dreamt before she tells the dream? That's the test. Nebuchadnezzar said, "If you don't tell me what I dream everybody is going to die by morning." He said, "You're playing the fool with me. If you claim to have so much power and you are prophets and everything, you need to tell me what I dreamt last night." Boy, they said, "There was never a king, my lord, who demanded such things of the soothsayers. Man, it put every obeah man on a spot. Yes! And I could put this **pastor on a spot**. If you claim to have the interpretation of a dream, then my brother who wrote this question, when you dream, go and ask him to interpret it. Get ten people in the church who dreamt and **ask him to tell what they dreamt**. You are going to catch him red handed as Nebuchadnezzar caught the soothsayers. Oh yes.

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**Question#229:**"Is there a dream that needs no interpretation and others that do?"

**Answer:**Yes, sure. Joseph had a dream that needed no interpretation. The prophet of God made that pretty clear in the quotation we just read (*We have seen his star in the east 1963*) and in many other places. He said that, "Joseph had a plain dream that needed no interpretation and it was not in riddles because there was not a prophet in the land. **And to think of that, that for the own welfare of His son God took care of that by a dream and not a vision.**" He said, "One man is conscious and he see the angel appear to him". Off course, that was Brother Branham who saw the angel appeared to him. He said, "Another man goes to sleep and he sees the angel while he is asleep." So now the experience Brother Branham had, you could have that too. If the Lord give you that kind of experience you could see the angel in your dream. Oh yes! **So our ministry is not based upon signs, wonders, dreams, visions and impressions friends. It is based solidly upon the Word of God.**

**I have not tried to build this congregation upon my experiences in all the years, or scare you that if you disobey me you are going to die or you are going to get crippled or something.** You watch those false prophets who threaten the people and hold them under fear, that if you leave the church, if you do this or do that, you are going to die or you going to get poor; and no so-called Pentecostal wants to get poor friend.

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**Question#230:**

**Heretical Article No. 173:**

"Pastors are led by dreams and visions of believers; some ministries were confirmed by dreams. Is this right? Some pastors dreamed that they are prophets, messengers to lead the bride; how to know if they are true or false?"

**Answer:** Very simple. Go back to *Deuteronomy 18: 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.*" And another scripture says that "If there rise a prophet among you and he prophesies and the thing come to pass, but then afterward he will say, let us go and serve other Gods, I have not sent that prophet." (*Deuteronomy 13:1-3*). If he changes the Word of God, no matter what he says and it comes to pass like Balaam, God did not send him. Do you see what Balaam done? He prophesied but he was not pointing them to the message of Moses. So now he said, "Let us go after other gods. Let us go down to Balak. Let us go and do this and do that."

Now, he was a prophet that said something and it came to pass, but then he said, "Let us go and serve other gods." That wicked prophet, when he tried to curse Israel and could not curse them, later on devised another plan. He knew that if Israel would sin God would curse them, so he devised another plan and he taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel by making a certain party and invited the Israelites to come and see these Moabitish women who were very pretty women, and Israel fell and some twenty four thousand of them died in one day. Now that was the stumbling block that was cast over Israel by that wicked spirit.

Now I hope you understand? This man had a genuine gift of prophet in him but he himself was a seed of the serpent; a devil just like Judas.

### **THEY EXERCISE GIFTS BUT THEY ARE WRONG SEED**

**Quote:** 380-1 "*But like Balaam they... exercise gifts, but deny the Word... Yet they preach salvation and deliverance through the power of God, just like Judas, with a ministry imparted by Christ. But because they are wrong seed, consequently they have a wrong spirit motivating them.*" (*Church ages Book*).

Judas came from hell and went back to hell, but the apostolic gift in him was right; it came from God, in so much that God took the apostolic gift and gave it to Brother Paul. "*Let his bishopric be taken and given to another.*" Now see what that apostolic gift done to the gentiles. That is what it was supposed to accomplish in the man called Judas if he had not fallen by transgression. A man **could sell out his gift and he could use it for the devil**. Now for your information, there is a gift of dreaming and seeing visions. All those are gifts. So now the Lord could give you a gift and hear what could happen to you.

**IF YOU START SHOWING OFF WITH IT, IT'LL JUST LEAVE YOU**

**Quote:** 623-Q-149 "Dear Brother Branham, time after time the Lord shows me things in dreams. He has showed me things about my son in the navy, which my son told me were secrets. He has showed me of people's deaths and of the secrets of people's hearts. **Is this a gift from God?** When He shows me in dreams the hearts and minds of people, everything has always turned out like the dream shows me..."

**Quote:** "...Why, yes, my brother or sister, whoever it may be. The Lord bless you. That is, **to my opinion, the gift of God. It's a gift of God.** Don't you know the Bible speaks of dreams? Joseph, how he dreamed dreams and interpreted, and how others dreamed dreams. Those things are of God. Now, if it's of God, it'll always be truthful, it'll always happen just exactly the way He said. And now, **if you start showing off with it, it'll just leave you.** See, just be reverent and sweet. And when He shows you anything, and it's something that you should tell somebody, that they've done something that's wrong, then just don't stand right up and rebuke that person, go to them yourself and say, "Sister, brother, you know, the Lord told me the other night that you were doing something wrong, a certain thing." If that person says, "You are wrong. That is a lie. I did not do that." Now, the thing to do then is go back and say, "Heavenly Father, was that wrong?" **Then if that person was telling you the truth, then you've got the wrong spirit. But if that person was lying, and he did do it, God will deal with that person.** See? Yes, sir. Because (See?), what he's done there? **He's blasphemed against the Holy Ghost, denying what the Holy Ghost has called to his attention. See, so it's the wrong thing.**" (Qa God Being Misunderstood 61-0723e).

My friends, it's a serious thing. If you start dreaming certain things that come to pass, don't show off with it. Be humble. You might dream something about a brother but you want to so show off, you want to stand in public and say, "I had a dream about you, and, you're a fornicator." Yes, you show off with it and it's going to leave you. That's a terrible thing, isn't it? Same thing with a gift of vision, or any other gift. **The Lord did not give you those gifts there to show off.** And the prophet of God went on to say in other quotations, that a dream is a secondary way of God speaking.

Why? You could have a proper dream here tonight, and then, tomorrow, you have dream that is wrong. An evil spirit comes in and give you a dream. An evil spirit comes in there and deceives you.

Alright, he gave us another warning: he said, **"Leave those dreams alone if there is nobody to interpret it."** (Do You Now Believe? 52-0817). He said, "It is like speaking in tongues. If you speak in tongues and there be no interpreter, then don't speak in tongues, nowhere in the church. He says, "Not even at the altar."

Now some try to make speaking in tongues a matter of prayer, because the bible said, "He speaketh to God." So now, they think that they have a right to speak in tongues at the altar, or if they're praying over somebody, to rattle tongues. Brother Branham said, you should not speak in tongues nowhere whatsoever in the church, because that's the commandment of God.

## ANYWHERE IN THE CHURCH, KEEP SILENT IF THERE'S NO INTERPRETER

**Quote:** 553-Q-115 115. *"Is it all right for a person to speak with tongues when praying for others about the altar without interpretation?"*

*I Corinthians 14th chapter and the 28th verse: If there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church...All right. Now, **if there be no interpreter anytime in the church, anywhere in the church, keep silent if there's no interpreter.**"*  
(Questions And Answers 61-0112).

He said, "Tongues is a direct message. It got to be saying something." "Go and tell this certain brother so and so, or go lay your hands on this brother and he'll be healed; and the interpretation of it must come. And then when you give the interpretation the thing must follow immediately; otherwise there is an evil spirit on you." Now you don't go playing around dreams, visions, sensations and impressions.

**Now, let me give you a little deeper teaching:** *"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."* (Acts 2:17). Friends, **even the dreams and the visions must be set in order by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. When the Lord pours out His Spirit, then the dream and the vision is set in order also like the nine divers gifts.**

Were there not people dreaming before the day of Pentecost? But here is a prophesy that is saying, *"I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy."* Now, the truth of this matter friend, is that **the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will also set the visions, set the dreams and set the prophecies in order in the House of God.** There will be perfect dreams and perfect visions.

Remember that dreams come through the multitude of business. A fool's voice is known by a multitude of words. So now a man dreams because of a multitude of business. It's impression, thoughts that are coming through his mind. If you have a dream and there is no interpreter, be quiet about it. If you have a dream that is plain, that does not need interpretation, then come to your shepherd with it because the devil could use you. You don't go talking about your dreams to your family and Tom, Dick, and Harry. **The devil could bring that to put your children in depression and put a next bother in depression.**

Yes! You could have a plain dream that says that brother so and so is going to die, and you go and tell his wife: "Sister, I want to tell you what I dreamt. I dreamt that your husband is going to die, but don't tell him nothing." **And it could be a lying devil talking to you, to put that sister or that brother in trouble with their mind.** And you could have a next dream and the devil comes and tell you that, "I dreamt that brother drinking on a barstool, and he was with a next woman, committing adultery." And you could go and tell that wife over there, and that woman could

believe that dream, and you bring disharmony in that home. **Be careful with your dreams. Be careful with your visions. Be careful with your sensations.**

You could have impressions around the church, and you start thinking, **"I sure don't like that person's spirit." Is it the person's spirit you don't like or their personality? How do you divide the spirit from the personality?** Do you have discernment of spirits? Do you have a gift for that? Or did somebody cuff you in school who resembles that brother and you developed a mental resentment for people that resembles that certain fellow, and from the time you see someone who resembles that certain fellow, you forget all about that cuff something in you says, "My blood don't take him." These kinds of expressions: "My spirit doesn't bear witness with his spirit." You are playing super-spiritual. And that person may have a Christian spirit, that is better than yours.

So now, all these things are **tricks and traps of the enemy to bring disunity in the House of God.** Yes. Watch these dreams. Watch these visions. You see somebody getting impressions, dreams and visions friend, and they are trying to judge people around the House of God, trying to correct families, they try to correct a wife, correct a brother - watch it. The person might be a young believer but untrained. They don't know how to handle the supernatural. Any dream that is **a symbolic dream needs an interpretation and you should not interfere with that.** And even though you dreamt a dream that does not need interpretation, watch it ten times. Come to your shepherd with it, if it is serious enough. I don't have time to sit down and hear your dreams because sometimes you eat too much Calaloo, and your dream is about one yard long, and you bore my ears in the office. That is why sometimes I tell you to go and write it down, and then I call you back and I say, "There isn't nothing to it - because I see some Calaloo in it", ( Caribbean menu) and then I tell you flat out that I cannot interpret your dream. I don't claim to be a prophet, I don't build a ministry upon these things. I don't understand it; I leave it.

**Beloved, our attention must be upon the Word of God. This is going to be a Word Bride. While the rest of the world are sign seekers, we are after the Word of God. And that is what I am trying to project to all our associates in Africa, India and throughout the world who would hear these things; I am planting you on the Word of God! Not sensations, not signs and not wonders. My ministry is not built upon a vision or a dream. My beloved, the Word of God is first. Yes. Elijah told the woman to bake me a cake - obey the Word of God, and then the sign will follow.**

These things are also set in order by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. That is why it says, "I will pour out my Spirit, and your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy." That is going to be the Giver inside of you doing the work. That is why I have not led you out into fanaticism. That is why I don't come and tell you a dream here every week or month. Even when I speak of that brothers and sisters, I feel checked. I want to be reverent. I want to make sure that nobody isn't getting the wrong impression, you see, that I'm trying to build this thing all upon a ministry. The time will come when I got to say something in order to help you to understand, that the Lord has also spoken. Supernaturally, but my ministry is not built upon these kinds of dreams and vision. And I know that what I've seen and what I've heard, it's the truth. Yes! That is how I

was led to this message; by a supernatural vision. I actually saw Brother Branham and a voice actually spoke to me and told me: "Follow this man's message." But I'm not going to make a book, to bring out all these visions, all these dreams, and send it across the world, to impress people that I am a is a great spiritual, or mighty man with signs, wonders, visions and dreams." We have enough of that in the world. We have a generation of sign seekers.

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**Question#231:**"Is the ability to see visions a gift? Then, why is it not mentioned in 1Corinthians 12?"

**Answer:** : Now, there are nine divers gifts mentioned in 1Corinthians 12, and the ability to see visions was not mentioned among them. The gifts recorded in 1 Corinthians 12 are not a complete list of all the gifts of the Spirit. *"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us **prophecy** according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our **ministering**: or **he that teacheth**, on teaching; Or **he that exhorteth**, on exhortation: **he that giveth**, let him do it with simplicity; **he that ruleth**, with diligence; **he that sheweth mercy**, with cheerfulness." (Romans 12:6 -8).*

So you see, there are many other gifts. There is a gift of a ruler. In other words, not everybody is born to rule. There is a gift, to give, there is a gift of exhortation, and then there are the five office gifts of Ephesians 4:11. And there are many other gifts that are given to man, naturally and spiritually. There are gifts of singing. Not everybody has a gift of singing. Not everybody have a gift to play music. Not everybody have a gift to write music. Not everybody have a gift to compose songs. And there are many gifts that are not mentioned in the scriptures. Even the artist, that is a special gift; not everybody can paint a picture. And so there are many different kinds of gifts.

### WHAT IS A GIFT

**Quote:** E-57 057 *"What is a gift? Is a way, a secret, that God gives a man to know how to relax himself, and just throw himself aside, and let the Holy Spirit move through him. See?" (From the beginning it wasn't so 59-1125).*

Now, as I was saying, there are many gifts and some in the natural and some in the spiritual. Over in the spiritual, you have spiritual dreamers, like Joseph in the Old Testament, he was a dreamer. Now not everybody have that gift to be able to dream spiritual dreams, no, there are some people have that ability. And then there are some that are gifted like seers to see visions. Yes. The ability to see visions is a gift just as the ability to dream dreams is a gift and all these abilities come from God, as gifts from God. And these gifts and callings are without repentance. In other words, before you are saved, even before you were fashioned in your mother's womb, those gifts were there; like Jeremiah was foreordained a prophet even from his mother's

womb. And so those gifts and callings are without repentance, that before you become a Christian those gifts were there. God foreordained those gifts to come to men and women upon the face of the earth.

And these gifts have to do with the person's make-up. As the prophet of God explained that in the case of a person with the ability to dream dreams it is how far the conscious mind and the subconscious are apart. With the seer that is able to see visions, he said they are sitting right close together where that seer does not go to sleep. Because when you go to sleep you slip from the conscious mind into the subconscious. With a seer he does not go to sleep, he moves from the conscious to the subconscious while awake. With a dreamer, he falls asleep and he slips into the subconscious and he dreams. And then there are some people able to dream spiritual dreams and there are some people don't dream at all depending how far away their conscious is from the subconscious. And so these are all gifts and there several different variations of gifts depending upon how the Lord made you up. And so the answer to this question is: The ability to see visions and dream spiritual dreams that come to pass is a gift from God. God by foreordination determines who are born with these gifts and they can operate even before a man comes to the knowledge of the Lord. Gifts and callings are without repentance.

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## SONGS AND MUSIC

**Question#232:**"Are music and songs gifts of the spirit?"

**Answer:**Yes. Music is gifted. Songs are gifted. Songwriting is gifted and it was both in the New Testament and the Old. "*The workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.*" (Ezekiel 28:13).

**What it is speaking of there are musical instruments created in the being called Lucifer.** The day that God created him he put in certain things inside of his being, that when that creature sang there was a music that even flowed with his

singing. It's a gift. God did that. And when God made you, he made you in such a way with a certain **ear to hear that music** and to understand these notes. Don't you ever show off with it. Don't you ever think that, that's your ability and pass on another person and say, "That person can't play; they don't have an ear for music." God has got to give you that ear for the music. Yes! You say, "But I tried and tried for several months, it is better I leave off that." No, stir up the gift that is in thee. You may have the gift but you've got to stir it up by continuing to play, and then you'll discover that you've stirred up the gift that is in thee.

Another place we can go to is 1 Samuel 16:23: *"And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him."*

It's a gift. His men sought out a man who was a cunning player on a harp. Of course, when he played on that harp, the presence of the Lord came and in the presence of the Lord that demon had to go. Yes! **Now do you see the reason for the song service? Do you know how many evil spirits are cast out when the music starts playing here and when the songs start singing?** And all those spirits you brought from the cities and from the home. All this nagging problem, quarreling problem, 'rah-rah' spirit; just quarreled and come in here. And if you don't sing and worship enough, the preacher can't preach. No, because this is David here with that gift; we have a lot of Davids here and these Davids are playing on their harps. And the harps aren't enough; they play on the organ, they play on the piano. Much spirits we have to cast out. Then the trumpets are blowing them out and the music is playing. Yes, the demons in this age are a lot. So you will find that all those demons start going, you start freeing up. "Yes sir, Amen, praise the Lord; oh it's a great service." **It's the devil had you bound.** "You are heavy because of manifold temptations." Yes. So they are gifts.

### **YOU HAVE TO BE BORN TO BE A MUSICIAN**

**Quote:** E-29 *"I believe that gifts and callings are without repentance, that **you're borned in this world with gifts.** I believe **you have to be born to be a musician.** You take children sometimes and give them all kinds of education in music, they never make a musician. And some of them that can't even read their ABC's through, or say their ABC's, can play music of any type. **You're born that way. You can't help it.**" (Ministry explained 50-0711).*

### **A GIFT TO SING**

**Quote:** E-14 *"It's a gift that comes from God... **just like a gift to sing**, a gift to do anything; it's gifts." (Workings Of The Holy Spirit 56-0816).*

Should the Christian church sing songs? The Jehovah Witnesses don't want any musical instruments; they don't want anybody to say, 'Amen', and they don't want to sing songs. A bunch of intellectuals and the most dead people upon the earth are the Jehovah Witness. You're talking about an intellectual devil upon those people. Yes!

And they don't believe in singing, they don't want any instruments; a preacher must not lift up his voice. Social! Yes! Social devil!

And over in Matthew 26:30 in the New Testament, the Bible said, "*And when they had sung an hymn, they went out.*" Did Jesus believe in singing? Did the Apostles sing songs? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] Alright, weren't Paul and Silas in jail one time and they sang songs the whole night until the gates opened up? **It brought the Angels there; glory to God!** And the Angels just touched the lock and all the doors were opened up and the jailer himself was converted with his house that very night. Oh yes! (Acts 16:25-34). You said that there isn't any power in singing? There is plenty power and they're gifts of God. Yes! So Lucifer had the power and that is why you have so much attractive music in the world; attractive to the unregenerated soul. Yes!

### **THESE SINGERS ON THE AIR ARE GIFTED-GOD WILL MAKE THEM ANSWER**

*Quote: E-12 "That boy don't need a music lesson. He was born that way. It's just a gift. And now you hear these singers come on the air, these fellows like different ones...Well, those fellows no doubt, or women, are good singers, and they're gifted people. But you know what, God will make them answer for what they do with that talent. That's right. They'd better be using it for the Kingdom of God." (At thy Word 53-1204).*

My brother, the unregenerated souls are attracted to the music of the world and that is why the youths have these cassettes, they have these CDs (Compact disks) and all these electronic things, and they are listening to it, and you don't know about it as parents and it's because they are unregenerated. Brother Branham said, "If you're not born again you can't help but be attracted by rock-an-roll music." Yes!

Then in the Bible we are told about the song of Moses;, and, do you know what Psalms were? They were songs written. That was their song book. David wrote those Psalms. So now it is even a gift to write songs. David wrote the Psalms and we are still using them today, and they lost the tunes out of them and they put all kinds of wild tunes, but David had the right tune to them and he used to sing the songs, and that was the song book in the Old Testament.

Alright! What about the songs that Solomon wrote? So we have a book called the Songs of Solomon and he sang those songs, but they brought out prophecies. Yes! So all those are gifts. David had that gift and many people throughout the Old Testament and New Testament had those gifts. Alright!

### **SONG WRITER - IT'S A GIFT OF GOD**

*Quote: E-41 "I believe Stephen Foster was the greatest folk **song writer** America ever had... He was borned under that sign for a writer. **You can't do it. It's a gift of God.**" (Resurrection of Jairus daughter 54-0302).*

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## Question#233:

## Heretical Article No. 174:

"What instruments of music should be used in a church and what should be avoided?"

**Answer:** Psalms 150: 3-6: "Praise him with the sound of the trumpet..." Do we have the trumpet? "...*Praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance...*" Do we have the timbrel? Do we have the dance? [Congregation says, "Amen!"] Glory to God! "...*Praise him with stringed instruments and organs...*" Do we have the string instruments? [Congregation says, "Amen!"] "...*Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals...*", and if you don't have no instruments like those, "...*Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD.*" So if you can't praise the Lord you don't have any breath. Anybody that has the breath of Life, the preacher don't have to come on the pulpit and say, "Let us give Him a praise offering"; and when the preacher comes up and says that, everybody's mouths shut as if you sewn it with some kind of a thread. It goes to show that your spirit is heavy and you may not have the Breath of Life within you.

Song leaders are killing themselves to sing; musicians trying to kill themselves to worship the Lord and bring you in the Spirit, and your mind is somewhere in the city; your imagination on some girl, some boy, and your imagination is wild somewhere on your job. You're hearing a hammer, you're hearing a saw, you are checking money in your mind, waiting to insult a brother when the service is over because he owes you five dollars. How are you going to get in the Spirit? So these gifts are set in the House of God to bring us in the Spirit as it did with David. Yes! So anytime people cannot worship God, praise God, testify to the Word of God and all these other things, something is wrong with their spirit. Something is wrong with them.

Okay, "What instruments should we avoid?" **Africa and India, all instruments that are linked to your old heathen religions** and are linked to 'obeah';-If you know that word. All instruments that were linked to your old former religions and invoked spirits; like the drums of Africa that invoked the devils that came down here amongst the 'Shango' religion. I don't want that instrument played in the House of God, because that has something to do with the kingdom of the Devil. It is used in heathen religions and it is used in invoking spirits.

So now, the rock-an-roll people borrowed those beats of the drums of Africa and they modernized it through other instruments and then made rock-and-roll music from it and get the people demon possessed. So you have youths listening to the radio with an earphone, and hiding around and listening to the music in the schools, on the bus and in the taxis and they are getting demon possessed. When they get demon possessed they become rebellious to mother and father, rebellious to elders. They become rebellious and they hate their parents and even kill them. So we don't want those kinds of instruments.

Germany has as much witchcraft as Africa and other nations but only thing is that they socialize the witchcraft. America has more witches in America than a lot of other places, but they socialize them and give them a tie and a jacket and they own oilfields; like Rockefeller and the witches association and witches organization. The pope is the biggest obeah man and the catholic priests are witch doctors walking in white gowns.

## **THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE HIGHEST FORM OF SPIRITUALISM I KNOW**

**Quote:** 32-1 "He said, "What is your opinion then of **the Catholic church?**" I said, "**The highest form of spiritualism I know.**" He said, "How do you get that?" I said, "**Anything that intercedes with the dead is a spiritualist.**" (Serpent seed 58-0928E).

There are certain sounds that demons love and when you play certain songs and you make certain sounds, they bring demons. There are certain songs that demons don't like and when you sing them, they move away. That is why Christians play music and certain songs. The devils hate blood songs more than any other. A man was possessed one time, and myself and two Brothers were singing a blood song, and he said, "Won't you please shut your mouths?" I said that, "You don't like this song don't you?" He said, "Please shut your mouths?" He don't like to hear that. So there are certain demons that love certain songs. That is how witchcraft operates.

Now the witch doctors studied the kind of things that demons like to smell, the kind of songs that they like to hear, and the kind of gifts they like and they get these things and put it together and it brings these demons from wherever they are, like ants to the sugar, and these demons come around there when they realize that this man is befriending them, so they communicate with him. Now do you know that is the same system in the Old Testament with God? Do you know that there were certain scents that the Lord loves? He being the Holy Ghost he told them to burn certain incense and certain sacrifices and do that on a certain type of moon. In the Old Testament the Lord told them to burn incense, let the priest have this certain incense on him, let him dress in this certain way, let them chime with their bells and then let him go there and the Spirit of the Lord used to come because the Lord loved those things. But now we don't do that my friend. We sing the songs of Zion. We play the music and yield to him with our hearts and our souls and the Lord loves the songs and the music, and He comes right in the tabernacle.

Now do you see how the devil imitated everything that the Lord done in the Old Testament? The Lord would not have come to His people unless they killed that bullock, until the priest dressed in a certain way and he smelt in a certain way. These 'obeah men' know that and instead of studying about God they study about the Devil. With witchcraft they have to deal with a black cat, a blood sacrifice, it has to do with burning certain incense and it has to do with chanting certain words to bring these devils from wherever they are and they will start saying all kinds of different things, "Hara Ramah, Hara Krishna", repeatedly. So now that's an invocation and notice that is real to them, and they start getting into a certain frenzy and they will start jumping off the ground and you know that something came upon them because they brought

the devil through invocation. That is how it goes. So now you've got to **be careful with certain instruments that were linked to witchcraft and linked to certain idol religions**, and if a certain instrument carries a stigma to it in the world, you don't want to have nothing to do with that. For instance: I would not allow the steel-pan to come in here because it carries a certain stigma of vulgarity. Homosexuality, fornication, adultery and everything is attached to that steel-pan, but the steel-pan music itself is a wonderful music. Now that is for Trinidad here.

I saw in a church in the United States the steel-pan was played, and I wasn't offended with that, because over there they don't know the vulgarity that is connected with it. Do you see what I mean? So, I enjoyed the steel-pan music in the church, and they had a Trinidadian playing it, and it blended right in with all the other music. It might be okay for there, but I wouldn't allow it here, because it carries a certain stigma. So you have to use your discretion, over there in Africa and India, to know and to pin-point these kinds of instruments.

Now, the prophet of God said that the piano, the organ and the trumpet belong to the church, and Psalms 150 tells you what kind of instruments.

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**Question#234:**"Are any musical instruments allowed in the prayer meeting? Are any electrical equipment allowed, like radio, television, telephone, etc?"

**Answer:**My answer to these is, "yes." I want to say that any medium that helps in bringing the Spirit of God can be used in any meeting. The Psalms of prayer that was written by David, to be used in the congregation was sent to the chief musician so Musical arrangement could be made for these Psalms.

*"To the chief Musician upon Neginah, A Psalm of David. Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I." (Psalms 61:1-2).*

Now all these psalm are prayers, and they were used in the temple in prayer meeting, and they had music accompanying them, so musical instruments, can be allowed in a prayer meeting, because it helps, in bringing, the spirit of God, into the prayer meeting, not only a prayer meeting but any meeting. And just as the meeting we have today, we have the instruments playing and helping, in order to create the right atmosphere, and bring us into the spirit of the Lord and bring us into the presence of the Lord also using electronic equipments. There are some instruments that we do not use as the steel pan because of the carnival back ground though it may be used in other parts of the world, also the traps and drums; we do not even know all the musical instruments there are, may the Holy Spirit lead you as to the others. Concerning the electronic equipments they all can have a place once they are used to enhance the meeting.

We should not bring cellular phones in the meetings, we can use the TV to show a video message, the recorder can be used to play music and messages, as far as the radio, if we do not have a tape recorder and the message of Bro. Branham is being played on the air and we are gathered for prayer and wants to tune in that would be alright for the pastor or the one that is in charge to do so. The telephone can be used for transmitting messages live, singing and preaching. The television that we use as a monitor to show videos are for that purpose alone, we do not allow the television in our homes; there are some monitors that are not television if we can get one that would be better.

### **I REALLY LIKE SINGING**

**Quote:** E-2 "On this other side, there's a little bush. That's where I want to sit, under that bush, and listen across at them singing. I tell you, **I really like singing.**" (Talk on the Word 53-0831).

You know, there's something about music and singing that brings the Spirit of God to the meeting. You believe that? That's right

### **THE MUSIC HELPED BRING THE SPIRIT ON THE PROPHET**

**Quote:** E-60 "And **when the music begin to play**, the Spirit of God come up on the prophet. **If it helped bring the Spirit on the prophet then, it'll do the same thing tonight.** Don't you think so? That's right." (Testimony53-0902).

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." (Ephesians 5:19).

These musical instruments are welcome in the House of the Lord, because God uses it, as a means of drawing near to his people, God rides on the music, the spirit of the Lord rides on the songs. As the consecrated heart of the believer play skillfully unto the LORD, the Lord just can't help but ride on that music; and when he comes, those who are in the Spirit, they know He is there and begin to worship Him in the Spirit and in the Truth.

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**Question#235:**

**Heretical Article No. 175:**

"Who is qualified to play music in church? A pastor allows people whose lives are sinful, dress wrong, contend with the saints, and has perverted ways; walk pervertedly and look as perverts."

Now friends, this is not only over in Africa, this is right here in the organizations (Pentecostal, Baptist and Methodist) where you have perverts with long hair, hippy style. Just by their very walk and looks, you know that they are homosexuals and

lesbians, and they play music in the church, and they are most popular, and when they are finished, they join the disco parties, and go to the carnivals and everything. So this is not strange, but this pastor here, **if he belongs to the Message, he's a total disgrace**. The people are not the problem. It's the pastor who is the problem, because he is responsible for the music and the songs in the church.

"He allows people to play music, whose lives are sinful and they dress wrong." You mean to say a woman with a slit in her dress coming up to the piano and the organ? This is the House of God, and a sister walking up here behind the piano and the organ, has to walk in a certain way. You can't shake yourself. Don't run up to the piano, because it causes a certain attraction, and all eyes are upon you. Try to walk gently. You can't help how some women are made, so don't go to finding fault now. Certain women could be doing their best in trying to walk modestly, but they are built in a certain way. Brother Branham said, "They cannot help it." You don't be the judge of that.

**Your life must be clean in order to play music in the House of God.** Even though you have the smallest instrument, your life must be the right kind of life. You cannot live in fornication, you cannot live in adultery, go slop around and kiss around; you cannot go and wear tight skirts, go outside there and wear pants and come back behind the piano and organ. No, that is sinful and the pastor is to be blamed. Yes! You see some people and they **appear to be perverts**, my beloved, it's a **bad testimony to put them behind the pulpit** and it's a bad testimony to let them play a guitar in the House of God. And I had to screen that through the years.

Now, although a man is not living that life, or a woman is not living that life, it appears to the congregation that something is wrong with that human-being. In screening, I have to keep my eyes out and not put that fellow on the music. Then I have to go out and investigate it. Now that spirit of homosexuality and lesbianism is a temptation just like fornication and adultery. We are living in that age. And your son or daughter, for some reason, that spirit could be around them. You've got to notice that and help them. You cannot just cast them out as a fornicator, an adulterer, a lesbian or a homosexual and get down upon them. Bring them to the ministry, because we are living in Sodom and Gomorrah, and that perverted spirit is trying to get upon your child. They need help. They got to come to the pastor, and the pastor is going to tell them how to get that spirit off of them. But if you want to handle it yourself, you are going to do the wrong thing.

There are those who were honest enough to say, with tears in their eyes: "Brother Bruce, I was in this school and I'm only attracted to men; what should I do?" I spoke to them a few words, they visited the office a few times and the spirit left them. These are the temptations our children have to go through. We've got to help them.

Now, this Pastor is wrong. He should not have people dressing that way and not living the life, playing any instrument whatsoever in the House God. They should come in with a veiled face in the House of God and ask the Lord for mercy.

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## Question#236:

## Heretical Article No. 176:

"Should worldly music be played in church? Our Pastor is allowing it. Example: slow rock, jazz and country and western."

**Answer: No, it is not allowed.** The condition of his soul is yet evil and of the old nature. Your Pastor is not born again. He does not have the baptism of the Holy Spirit. To allow that in the House of God, and I doubt he is even called of God

### I HATE TO HEAR SQUEEKING THEY CALL SINGING-IT'S A PERVERSION

**Quote:** *I like to hear good old fashion, heartfelt, Pentecostal singing. But I sure hate to hear that squeaking they call singing today. I think that's the most ridiculous thing. It's a perversion.* (Thirst 65-0919)

### SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH YOU IF THAT'S YOUR APPETITE

**Quote:** 136 "You say, " I go to dances and parties and all those things... **Brother, it's something wrong with you. That's your appetite...** The other day, coming along in the car, a certain person reached over and turned on my radio, some kind of old vulgar music. I said, "**Turn that thing off; I don't want to hear that,**" some old **boogie-woogie stuff.** Said, "Well, I like to hear that." I said, "**Your nature's wrong; you're wrong.**" (Enticing Spirits 55-0724).

And if your pastor has an appetite to bring in that kind of worldly music in the House of God, something is wrong with his appetite.

### IT'S THE DEVIL'S DIET - IF YOU ENJOY THAT YOU'RE A BACKSLIDER

**Quote:** "*All that old crazy stuff, these old juke boxes a-roaring... It's the devil's diet... you enjoy that? Shame on you. You're a backslider.*"

So your pastor is a backslidden hypocrite if he enjoys the devil's diet. Yes, he is a backslider. And if you're a Christian in that church that is bringing in those kinds of music, you've got to get out of there; you cannot stand it, you cannot take it because you have a change of nature. And if the pastor loves that, he isn't born again yet.

### A CHRISTIAN SPIRIT COULDN'T LISTEN TO SUCH STUFF AS THAT

**Quote:** E-31 "*What you call boogie-woogie or ever that kind of nonsense, and carry on... A Christian spirit couldn't listen to such stuff as that and stay right. See? (Come let us reason together 55-1004).*"

### **BOOGIE-WOOGIE - IT MAKES ME SICK TO MY STOMACH**

**Quote:** *E-52 "Rock-and-roll, shimmy-dig, boogie-woogie... It makes me sick at my stomach." (Love 56-0726).*

If your pastor was a man of God it would make him sick to his stomach.

### **ROCK-AND-ROLL SENDS DOZENS TO THE INSANE ASYLUM**

**Quote:** *E-40 "These **rock-and-roll** parties that you all are attending, up in them places...when **they send dozens of them to the insane asylum** afterward?...And **they're bringing that same thing, with boogie-woogie and everything into the church.** (Painted face Jezebel 56-1005).*

Youths, I want to warn you who are taking chances and listening to that rock-and-roll music, all the jazz and all those other types of music, it will put you in the mad house, it will send you to smoke marijuana and it will cause you to take cocaine. You're a dead hypocrite to be stealing chances and listening to that music and come and take communion and sit in the House of God. You're a dead hypocrite!

### **IT CAME OUT OF THE HEART OF AFRICA**

**Quote:** *E-30 "All your old **rock-and-roll and boogie woogie, where did it come from? Out of the heart of Africa.**" (Arrow of God's deliverance 56-0801).*

Could you imagine that? That is why Elvis Presley could have gone down there and be worshipped like a god; because rock and roll music **borrowed the heathen drums of Africa**, the beats of the heathen drums. They brought it through these electronic mediums and took it back to Africa; and it fits the Hottentots all the way down in Africa, and they enjoy the music. **Those drums were used to invoke the devils of hell!** Yes sir. And they modernized it and perverted the whole world. Are you learning? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*]

### **CHURCHES NEED A CLEANING FROM PULPIT TO THE JANITOR ROOM**

**Quote:** *"Brother, **they need a cleaning up from the pulpit plumb into the janitor's room in the churches through the land** is what we need, 'fore the Holy Spirit can take place." (Secondhanded robe 56-1206).*

### **I KNOW WHAT YOUR SPIRIT'S FEEDING ON**

**Quote:** *"You tell me you're a Christian. And let me hear you turn on your radio, and you're listening to some kind of old boogie-woogie music...**I don't care what you***

*say, I know what your spirit's feeding on. That's right. It's exactly right. (God keeps His Word 57-0115).*

### **I LIKE CHURCH MUSIC PLAYED LIKE CHURCH MUSIC**

**Quote:** *E-22 "The people are gone boogie-woogie or rock-and-roll wild... And they're trying by that same spirit, to get the thing into the church. I like church music played like church music and not rock-and-roll in the church." (God keeps His Word 57-0120e).*

Thank God, we at Bethel here have church music that is played like church music. We cannot be thankful to God enough and we are going to keep it that way. Any pastor is a dead hypocrite, who brings rock-and-roll music into the House of God; and many preachers around the message, around America and right through the whole world, have changed the Christian music. The reason they changed the music is because the Spirit of God has departed from them. They have destroyed the Holiness Message and are not practicing it and on account of that the Spirit of God left them, so they brought in entertainments into the church.

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**Question#237:**

**Heretical Article No. 177:**

"Who is qualified for song leading and special songs? Some sing but it is dry, their house is not in order, a wife has a proud spirit and another's wife is unsaved."

**Answer:** A person who leads songs, their life must be right and their house must be in order. It is an office like any other office in the House of God. The wife must be in subjection, the children must be in subjection and they must have their house in order. Brother Branham said that, "If you're a tender in the House of God your house must be in order."

### **HOW CAN YOU BE A TENDER IN THE HOUSE OF GOD**

**Quote:** *76"Do you know It's wrong for you not to be the husband of your house, your wife get a little temper spell and kick you out the door, and you say, "Yes, bless your heart, honey, I'll come right back"? **How can you be a tender at the house of God when you can't even control your own house?" (Position In Christ 60-0522m).***

Let me just draw this little reference to you: If you see a preacher going down the road and he gets into an argument with a man and you hear him cuss off that man, how will you feel to hear him come and preach on Sunday morning? Would not that be distasteful? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] And while he preaches, all that could reflect in your mind is what he done? Now it's just common sense. Now if you the congregation **knows that there is a song leader who is not doing what he is**

**supposed to do**, his children rule him around, they do what they want, his wife has a spirit like a saw, would not fellowship with the brethren and you find him doing something out there, playing around with some girl or something, beloved, when you see that man comes behind the pulpit to lead songs, can you really enjoy that?  
[Congregation says, "No!"]

Alright, let me come a little closer. You know that a **person in the congregation is not living right**, argues with everybody in the House of God and wears the wrong kind of **clothes**. You caught them in the city, and you seen them living the wrong life and then on Sunday morning you hear, 'Sister so and so is coming up to **sing a special**.' Do you know what would happen to the congregation immediately, they are sunken inside, because, let us say, thirty percent of them know the life of that person, they cannot enjoy that song. That is why I cannot enjoy the songs of those hypocrites: Pat Boone, Jim Reeves, Ricky Nelson and others who some of the people want to listen to; their lives are nasty. If somebody's life is nasty like Lucifer's, who wants to hear Lucifer sing? Alright, use your common sense; I don't want to hear Lucifer sing! He could sing like the covering cherub that he was, my consciousness is telling me that man is an adulterer, he's a fornicator, he's a liar and he's a thief. Why do I want to hear somebody like that? Brother I'm not listening to the words; I want to discern the sanctified life behind the singing, and when I see the sincerity and the honesty that are expressed, then the words could mean something to me. But if you are singing a song that expresses sincerity and honesty of a Christian and then I know you're a hypocrite behind the pulpit, I know you're not living the life, then you're a liar! You are lying to me! And then together with that tears are coming down from your eyes, and you wipe your eyes and cry, you make me feel to pull you off that pulpit, because you went up there to lie. You're life has got to be right. Now that is just common sense.

How can you take a man who does not have his house in order and all these things, and put that man there? Brother, human beings are full of mistakes; we will make mistakes. Our song leaders will make mistakes; sure, they are not perfect. They will repent, you will see them come up to the pulpit, repent, go back and lead their songs. God bless them. We are not talking about that. We are talking about people who just let down the barriers; let their houses go as they want, let their wives do what they want, let their children do what they want and then come and sing as an archangel. No sir! That fellow **must meet the required qualifications**, his testimony must be right, his wife's life must be right, his children's lives must be right, his house must be in order, and then another thing that goes with that is that, he must have an **anointed voice for congregational singing** - not just a special.

There are certain voices that fit congregational singing and certain voices that are made up for specials. When you try taking a little fellow who is cut out for a special and put him to sing congregational songs it don't work. So you have to get these things set in order. Sometimes I see that and I call over the brethren and I say, "That brother's voice does not fit the congregation; he could sing a special." Don't ever get me wrong. If there is anything that I want to see, is that every one of you be used of the Spirit. That's my desire. So don't think that I'm cutting against you, and I don't like you and I don't want you in the music, but you've got to be used in the way that the Lord made you; and if I could discern that, I will tell one of the brothers: "He could only sing specials." And that stands that way.

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**Question#238:**

**Heretical Article No. 178:**

"Some who do not walk right are anointed and move the congregation; how is that?"

**Answer:**"Some singers who don't walk right, houses are not in order, and they are not living what they are supposed to live, they come and they move the congregation, the Spirit starts flowing and everything; what is that?" **Gifts and callings are without repentance.**

### **ALL THEM PEOPLE THAT TAKES THEM GIFTS OF GOD AND PERVERTS THEM**

**Quote:** 119"*You're born, and all natural gifts come to you. **Gifts and callings are even without repentance...** Like Ernie Ford and Red Foley, and Elvis Presley, those fellows with them big talents of singing and using it for the world... **God gave them them talents, and see what they are doing with it?** Like Judas Iscariot getting thirty pieces of silver out of it... They ought to be using it for the Kingdom of God... **And all them people that takes them gifts of God and perverts them.**" (Countdown 64-0209).*

Now you could be a gifted preacher, and with that gift in you, you at times could knock around and never spend time with the Lord; and then just before service time you jump up on the pulpit and that anointing could strike you, and you could preach a message like if you were fasting for five days. Do you know what that is? Gifts and callings are without repentance; the Lord honored the gift.

Now look at Caiaphas down there; a backslidden man, he started prophesying, "One man will die for the nation." You see, God honors the gift not the man. For example, I did not spend the time like I wanted to spend with the Lord, but because of the gift of the Lord in my bosom, I walk up here, the Lord honored the gift, and I preach. In my heart I know I did not spend enough time with the Lord. See what I mean?

Now watch something; not because I got away with that as a song leader or as a preacher today, I should adopt that lifestyle, because I could start depending on that kind of activity as my salvation and go plumb to hell. I have got to examine my life and make sure everything in my life is right, otherwise I could depend upon that for my salvation. I could preach an anointed message, and think I have become so spiritual that those little things that I am doing wrong, the Lord doesn't mind that because he so loves me now. You have a surprise coming friend. "*Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.*" (2 Timothy 2:19). If you feel that anointing when you sing, and you take it for granted that your house could be out of order and you could get away with that, and you just bawled out the wife and come and sing; or you just cussed off a fellow and came here and started preaching, you just stole the money from Jesus' money bag and think, "I'm an anointed fellow who

could lay my hand upon the sick and they could recover"; **you'll be deceived like Judas**. You have got to live that life brother. If you've got the gift, repent. Gifts and callings are without repentance. You got it without repentance but when you get it, repent, be thankful to God and use it for His honor and glory.

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## **Question#239:**

## **Heretical Article No. 179:**

"There are strifes and contentions among our musicians and song leaders; few fight to control music and song leading. What can I as a pastor do to stop it and what causes such?"

When you **find the cause you can expect to find the cure**, and the answer to this whole thing is right in our Bible.

*"But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but [is] earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." (James 3:14-18).*

**Anytime you do anything in the House of God, and you see strife starts coming up and contentions start coming up, jealousy is involved.** Now the people who are in that music and in that song leading have not realized that they are employed with the Lord Jesus and they are working for the benefit of the kingdom. So now what is happening is that they have **pride in what they are doing** and when they have pride they will have jealousy. When jealousy comes up you will have strife and when strife comes up **you will have contention**, because everybody is trying to be better than the other, then what **you will have** is **competition**. You will have competition with the trumpeters, competition with the organists, competition with the pianist, competition in the music in general. Everybody is trying to fence in their pride and authority. It is not going to work. This pastor is asking, "What should I do in such a case? This is in my church."

**Let every musician and every song leader know who is in charge. Let them obey you as pastor, and if they cannot obey you kick them straight out of the music**, and if all the musicians have to leave, clap your hands, sing a song and preach the gospel. That's the only remedy. And I will put some weight on that from Brother Branham's words. Read this quotation to them right out of this book and play it to them. That is happening in your music and in your song service because everybody wants to play a boss; and if you give certain ones authority they want to over-rule the other, and they want to say who is in charge and who is this and who is that. Let them know that they are nothing. **This is what Brother Branham said, and about the authority that God gave you as a pastor.**

## THE OFFICE OF MUSIC PROGRAM

**Quote:** *"The music program and all order pertaining to the development of such a program is under the **supervision of the pastor only**, and the associate pastor. During regular - services, special meetings, or revivals, at all times, the pastors shall advise and conduct this program. The trustee board shall advise on the purchasing of any musical instruments and the pastor shall be consulted. Any suggestions for musical programs by the saints, deacons, or such parties interested should be presented to the pastor, who will welcome them, and advise on such suggestions. It is preferred **the pastor shall control this program, as he is the leader of the worship service, and confidence is placed in his ability to lead the church in worship that is most pleasing to God.** Music programs, testimony services, addresses by various parties, reports to the church by various offices, or any program that intervene the worship time should be under the pastor's supervision." (Operations of Church Offices).*

That is Elijah the prophet who has spoken, and you should establish that in your church, pastor brother, and let everybody know who is in charge. **Strifes and contentions come up in your music because of pride**, jealousy and because somebody is trying to overpower the next, and it's a **Nicolaitan spirit**. My brothers and sisters do you know the **danger** of that? Anytime there arise competition, strifes and jealousy in the music and the songs **it divides the congregation**, automatically. So while you pastors are trying to preach the Word of God and unite the congregation, and, five percent of the congregation will hang with Brother Tom, and you will find them getting into that competition, and ten percent will go with Brother Harry, they like to hear him sing and play, and then another twenty percent is going to go with Brother Dick, and then you'll have a **party spirit**: "I am of Apollos, I am of Paul, I am Christ, and I am of this musician and that musician." Not here in the House of God at all. No sir!

That should not happen in the house of God. When competition starts amongst musicians, then jealous spirits are transferred from the musicians and the song leaders into the congregation, and you will hear talk like this: "My husband could sing better than all of them; they don't give him a chance." You will hear talk coming out of the congregation: "I believe there is some racialism going on in the song service." Confusion and disunity. Do you see how the devil works friend? And then a mother, and a father sit there and say: "My daughter could play so good but they only let her once a week." You need to shut your big mouth and stop interfering in the music program that God has set the pastor over. **You are trying to do the pastor's work.** "I feel that my son should be playing the guitar for the past couple of years now, but nobody considers us; we are nobody in the church." You are making contentions, you have strifes and you are trying to dictate for the pastor.

Do you see the confusion pride could cause? Every saint in the church of God has got to have a level head. **Leave the music, leave the songs, leave the ministry, leave the preaching for the pastor to control** and don't find fault about who is racial and who is not racial; who sings better and who does not sing better; who should lead the song service tonight, who should play the guitar tonight, who should sing, who should play the organ and who should play the piano. That's the pastor's

business! Anytime you get that spirit upon you, it's contention and strife, and instead of talking about the Lord after the meeting you will be talking something else: "I find the music was so dead tonight." You belong to Apollos' group. "I find the music was so dead tonight; if it was Paul playing it would have been much different." You belong to the Paul's group. Now do you see how contention comes? So pastor, **what that devil is trying to do is to divide your congregation.** While you preach unity on the pulpit, he is using the musicians and the song leaders to divide your congregation. Before you know it the church is in disarray. We've got to come into perfect unity for this great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, glory to God! Put up your hands and give him a praise offering. [*Congregation worships in the Spirit.*] Thank you Savior, thank you Lord. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. Thank you for the opening of the Seals. The devil is exposed in every area that he comes Lord. Give us discernment Lord upon the devil and his tactics of fighting? We thank you for the Word tonight. Thank you for your people. Lord, bless these questions, bless these answers, let them go forth overseas and help your people. Thank you for your people tonight that sat patiently listening to the words of life. Bless them all tonight, father. We commit our lives into your hands with the dismissal of the service, in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray with thanksgiving, and the congregation say, "AMEN!" Praise be the Lord.

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**Question#240:**"Explain to us the basic conduct and order of your services, does it have to do with the presence of Christ that are with you and your flock?"

**Answer:**Yes it does. The presence of the lord coming amongst his people has to do with the basic conduct and the basic order, of the services; added to that, and most important is preaching the truth and establishing holiness in the house of God and in the lives of the people. Just not a code of rules, regulations and church order it has do with the word that we preach. Whatever blessings that we have in way of the presence of God and that spirit of liberty in our midst, it's the fruits of the word that we preach. They that worship God must worship him in spirit and in truth. Not only in spirit, but in spirit and truth. Basically if I am to explain the conduct and order of our services, which results in the presence of Christ with the Ministers and the congregation, I will put the preached word ahead of all things. It's the word and only the word of God preached in spirit and in truth. That is responsible for us having liberty in our services, the presences of Christ, people doing the right things, and living victorious Christian lives.

You can put all kinds of things in place; you can set up codes of rules and regulations like the Hindu people or the Muslim people, they don't go into the church with their shoes, they wash their elbows, mouths, and feet and you can go way back even to the Jews and follow all those codes of rules and regulations for the church of God and have not the spirit of God.

Our church doors are opened one or two hours before the official starting time of service. There is no talking, no laughing, and no running through the building but

rather quietness. A song tape is played, very low of music or song; those who feel led of the Lord comes into the service one by one without any demands made upon them, me and at their own liberty they pray, and worship the Lord, these few people, five ten, fifteen, or twenty, on various service days are the backbone of the ministry as simple as they are, in the eyes of the people, they become the backbone of prayer to the ministry and to the service that night. Many women can embrace this opportunity to devote themselves and come in a little earlier, pray for the service the minister, and the needs of the people. It will help them to be spiritual; it would bless everybody in the house of God. Such people in our church are seated there two hours ahead of time, praying, some of them by their own choosing fast. Before the official starting time of service, the deacons and the door man shows up and their duty is to see that everything is in order that there be no disturbance in the service, no disorder, that everything is in place, that the spirit be not offended. The door men are well trained and also the deacons and they know their duties. A deacon comes in and he makes sure that there is a door man. He looks around and see if there is any other needs, certain things must be done before the service takes place, to ensure that when people start praying, singing or the preached word come, that there are no disturbances, none comes up and put water for the Minister during his preaching and in the heights of the song service, it offends the spirit and other little rules and regulations that are set in place, to avoid offences to the spirit.

The deacon's duty as well as the door man is to ensure that all things are in place ready for service to avoid distractions and disorder, to ensure that all are alert and ready to hear the words of life. Then the musicians come in, nobody pushes them and pulls them, there is no question of who should play, or who should sing, or who should preach, those things bring confusion. These things are set in order ahead of time, one week ahead. The musicians, pianist, organist, guitarist, trumpeter, and other players of instruments start playing soft music, about that time the song tape is stopped. By that time the spirit of the lord is already there. The people in the tabernacle few in number were praying for the service, for the sins of the people, for the needs of the church, for the ministers, while the music plays the people continue to come in reverently by official starting time of the song service, almost everybody is in the tabernacle. The spirit of the Lord is flowing in a great measure; the anointing of the spirit is on the pianists, organist, the guitarist, trumpeters and the different musicians. The people get into the spirit, and then the song leader officially starts the service by singing and asks the congregation to stand. If somebody at that time has to slip out, for some important reason to the restroom etc. take care of a baby they use that convenient time to get up and go outside to do that, the congregation continues to sing, worship the Lord, pray, glorify the Lord, by that time the spirit of the Lord gets stronger and stronger. We have several song leaders sitting together along with the musicians and they sing along. The reason for that is we feel that there is less pride manifested from the pulpit, and there are less fears manifested, less distraction, they are asked to sit down in five or seven minutes and the song service continues they are asked to stand again, in order to relax themselves and the people grab the opportunity to go outside again, they are getting ready for hearing the preached word. So a scripturally trained congregation knowing that the most important thing is getting ready to come after a half an hour song service from official starting time. Women go out and feed their babies, or children, on the outside of the church, or cry room, not eating, or nursing inside of the church. They go out and refresh themselves trying to return into the service and be settled down for the

preaching of the word. That is reverence to God and his word, that is yielding to the Spirit. When the minister is coming forward, we avoid having anybody go out. It is not always observed because you have unruly people, people who are not in the spirit, people who makes excuses to go out at that time, as some people don't care what they receive from God. In every congregation there are three kinds of believers. I do not want to convey the idea that we have one hundred percent perfect and obedient people, but I am saying what are our policies, and principles, what we establish and what we think is responsible for wooing the spirit of God into the service. Those who fail to observe those policies and principles, little rules and regulations are dry, and you can see that they are not in the spirit. Yes! After a time they dry up like an old prune and fall away. They don't realize that it is their irreverence, disrespect, and lack of yielding to the spirit that caused them to backslide and go into the world it is very important. When the song service is coming to a close, then the people are allowed to stand. They grab that opportunity to go out refresh themselves, one by one, two by two and come back we try to avoid people going out in a great big exodus out of the service at anytime, that disturbs the service. So the people return and we expect everybody to be in their seats ready to hear the word of God by the time the minister is about ready to come to the pulpit. Everybody should be ready to hear the word of God.

Just before the minister comes there is a brother, we call him an attendant, he comes to the pulpit he is not there to preach, not there to actually sing, not there to give instructions, not there to exercise his ability in preaching, he gently comes up to the pulpit. The congregation is already standing, the spirit of the Lord is moving and he announces the type of service that we are going to have for that night, preaching, a tape or any other kind of service. He makes an announcement that may be necessary and in five to ten minutes that is over because at the end of his announcement, he calls upon the ushers who are already in place alerted and ready, they come up to the pulpit, somebody is asked to bless the offering, the ushers go through the congregation with the offering plate they collect tithes and offering which is perfectly scriptural in the Bible. Bro Branham said, "I do think that we have to pass the offering plate in order to make it a complete religious service" (Man Running From Presence 65-0217), and that is proven in the scripture, Jesus took up an offering and Judas was the treasurer.

So by that time a song is raised people are still in the spirit, grabbing the opportunity to go outside and return. Within that period of offering some people grab the opportunity to go out as a habit when the offering is taken up because they don't give any offering to the Lord and they rob God in tithes and offering. That's the time they make an excuse for nobody to see them so they go out to the restroom and about the end of the offering they come back because they are thieves in the house of God and they rob God in tithes and offering. (*Malachi.Chap.3*)

Before the minister enters the pulpit everybody is supposed to be back inside the house of God ready for the word of God. Children are fed, people who are sick are seated in a certain place, and people who are sleepy and tired are in a certain place. They must be honest enough to wash their faces if they are falling asleep under the word, otherwise you have a spirit come into the house of God that anoints everybody with a sleepy spirit. After the attendant, pick up the offering, and make his announcement he do not wait to call the minister, he leaves the sacred desk and

leaves it up to the minister, the Pastor, assistant pastor, or minister for that night to ascend the pulpit as the Lord leads him. Then the minister comes to the pulpit and is in full control of the service from that time on, sometime he has a limited time to preach, he must be well trained because he may have to use another man's pulpit, and must cut his preaching down to suit that church, at his own service he's at liberty and there is no set dismissal time. It may be an hour, two hours or more because the congregation is in the presence of the lord and they sit right there and absorb the word of God, if there are people who are sleeping under such anointing of the spirit, they are corrected by the deacon especially people in the front line. The deacon at the end of that service goes out and if it is a child he speaks to the parents, if it's a man he approaches him, if it is a woman he reports that to her husband, or talk to her if it's an unmarried sister he is at liberty to speak also to her, and let her know that she was sleeping in service. And in our services you may be well called out for sleeping, if you are in the front line in the view of the minister, because it disturbs the service, that's a spirit of the devil, immediately when one, two or three people start sleeping the enemy comes and tell the minister that your message is not anointed, they are not listening, they are not enjoying your message and then there is a buffeting to the minister. Then that spirit throws off a certain anointing and causes people to sleep and become weary and tired. Persons must be honest enough that if they are falling asleep in service to go outside and wash their faces. As a result we have a certain bench set at the back of the church and in certain of our assemblies we have none, the person stand up so they cannot sleep. If they want to sleep and fall down it's up to them. They listen to the service until they wake up then they come back into the service, but we don't tolerate sleeping in the house of God, it's irreverent, you could not go and talk to a king and end up sleeping in front of him, nor a magistrate court and sleep away there. We do not tolerate in the house of God any kind of putting up of legs, elevating your foot on top of your knees, we believe it is irreverent. Then we keep a sharp eye on people who get up and go in and out especially those who are sitting in front, because they disturb the minister, it disturbs the spirit of the Lord. Such people who have problems and have to go out very often, and sometime for no good reason, those are sent to other seats.

At the end of the service, and the minister's preaching, the musicians are already alerted then they are requested to come forward. If it's a big bunch of musicians, only the pianist and organist are called, that is in order not to have a big commotion in the congregation the pianist and the organist start playing, they play softly because the minister may be speaking or praying like when he comes to the pulpit to start preaching. They play softly they should not be playing loud, trumpet should not be sounding loud from the time the minister start praying to the Lord, if he is singing it is alright, but when the minister is praying his official prayer or going to read the scripture all musical instrument must slow right down, so people can hear the words in prayer or otherwise, he dismisses the service and when the service is dismissed the congregation don't have a big exodus in going out, just running out, No! after the service is dismissed everybody take their seats and the people goes out in an orderly fashion a little at a time and the music continues to play, possibly a song continues to sing, and even though that is not happening then the congregation moves out few at a time, there is no laughing, greeting, and talking in the house of God only a rare one or two people. In order not to offend the spirit, by a commotion, then after everybody leaves from the tabernacle, the doors are closed. That is to avoid children running through the church, people walking and talking and eating and

drinking. Brother Branham said, "You'll ruin the next service to come when you allow that in the sanctuary of the Lord."

The people go outside and talk, laugh. Because of the spirit and the presence of the Lord amongst the people they spend long hours talking and laughing with one another and when we have a great and wonderful anointing people hardly want to leave the yard until eleven o'clock twelve o'clock in the night even because the message is burning, the spirit of God is present and love is burning in the hearts of the people one toward another.

That is the simple explanation of the conduct and the order of our services which has resulted in decades of the presence of the Lord being amongst us.

Now when people learn that in the House of God, they go home, and when they enter into their prayer closet, and apply the same method of reverence, respect and adoration to God they find the Spirit of God.

Put up your hands and give him a praise offering. [*Congregation worships in the Spirit.*] Thank you Saviour, thank you Lord. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. Thank you for the opening of the Seals. The devil is exposed in every area that he comes. Lord, give us discernment Lord upon the devil and his tactics of fighting? We thank you for the Word tonight. Thank you for your people. Lord, bless these questions, bless these answers; let them go forth overseas and help your people. Thank you for your people tonight that sat patiently listening to the words of life. Bless them all tonight, father. We commit our lives into your hands with the dismissal of the service, in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray with thanksgiving, and the congregation say, "AMEN!" Praise be the Lord.



**Musicians at Connecticut**

## **SERVICE DAYS, PRAYER, DEDICATION, COMPETITIONS AMONGST OFFICERS**

**Question#241:**"How many services are convenient for a week at a church?"

**Answer:**The number of service days for the week must be determined with due consideration of many factors, the distance that believers must travel to come to church, available transportation and finance for that purpose. Under normal conditions, two or three services are convenient and one of them can be a prayer meetings or both prayer meeting and short preaching services, while the other services can be used for establishing The Word of Truth. However, a minister who is led by the Spirit would not organize the services in such a manner that the Spirit of the Lord cannot move; insomuch that if the congregation seems worn, tired or sick that he fails to call off a service. All services must be left to the control of the Lord. If the Lord leads to pray on a preaching night he should yield to the spirit, or on a prayer meeting night to preach the Word; he should not quench the Spirit. When the need arises for continued meetings he must also drift with the Spirit. Many ministers do not call off any service for fear of losing tithes and offering.

Typical so-called Pentecostalism binds its people to a service each night, to keep the minds busy on their organization and not run the risk of losing membership to other churches. Such an attitude is fanaticism, because it binds the people by a program instead of the Word of God. Message churches have adopted this system and bind the people to their churches by youth groups, sports groups, ladies night, bachelor nights and many other Pentecostal programs. This is an evident sign that the spirit of the Lord is not present in their services, because they have drifted like the other churches away from the Word of God and holiness standards.

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**Question#242:**"We sit under long boring preaching without much substance. Many types are made, thunders elaborated without the spirit. Should this be so?"

**Answer: Message believers suffer long and hard by boring preachers without the Spirit.** Most ministers do not have the discernment to understand when they become boring to their congregations. They do not understand their individual calling. Some ascended the pulpit not knowing their ability, if they are called as teachers, preachers, evangelists, prophets or apostles. They mix the operation of offices gifts. Some try to teach, when they should preach, and others try to be apostles when they are pastors! Many Preachers are not called of God and are behind the pulpit for selfish gains. Their preaching is without substance.

With true ministers who are gifted, the problem lays in their inability to understand their God given ability. If they are exhorters, teachers or preachers, they should wait on their calling. One gift has the ability to hold the attention of believers and even the unsaved for a shorter period and others for longer periods. But some are interested in displaying their own abilities and try to preach all night like Paul, not knowing that they are destroying their congregations; because the Spirit of the Lord departs after a certain time in their preaching, then they step out into emotionalism of loud speaking, stomping on the ground, hitting the pulpit and begging for "Amens". If the congregations sits long enough under such emotionalism many are trained up to it. Others who do not accept that but recognizes the Spirit are bored. They sit through

the service because of sincerity, but they suffer very hard. Services become very boring to young people and older folks, because it is dry and out of the Spirit; backslidings will follow, and lack of assembling. Therefore this system of long drawn out preaching without the Spirit is wrong, and should not be practiced!

*"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, **let us wait on our ministering**: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation." (Romans 12:3-8).*

### **WHERE YOU KILL YOUR MEETING IS ALL THAT DRAWN OUT STUFF**

**Quote:** 910-170 *"I'd suggest this, that ordinarily... Now, I watched Brother Neville last night when he preached...that was a marvelous message. **You see how quick he got that through?** See, about thirty-five minutes (See?), and he had it over. See? Now, that was fine...See, that's not long. **But where you kill your meeting is all that drawn out stuff** before you get to it. See?" (Church Order 63-1226).*

So-called seven thunders preachers were trained up in that manner and go through many types, shadows and examples to prove their heresies. Very little of the Word is quoted and the substance of true revelation is absent. The soul of an elect cannot prosper under such a system and will become hungry and thirsty to hear the revealed Word. Hence, when they come in contact with our work of Exposition of damnable heresies and the vital truths, which are exported to them, they respond in a positive manner, by letters, e-mails and phone calls, requesting all our publications.

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**Question#243:**"How is a prayer meeting conducted? Some praying, beat and break the chairs, scream, swing their hands and hit others. Women take the lead while others laugh and talk."

**Answer:**Many who came out of so-called Pentecost are acquainted with fanatical prayer meetings. Others who are not familiar with the system of so-called Pentecost are alarmed, when they hear of such things. Some who embraced the message, **brought over their Pentecostal traits of praying and doing many other religious things**, through their former training, and maybe are yet ignorant of what is true prayer and worship, and must be taught. This question reflects that fact. Some demonic activities are involved and much over-emotionalism. There is no scripture to support such fanaticisms of breaking chairs, injuring persons, screaming uncontrollably, women unveiling themselves, speaking in tongues without interpretation and many other unscriptural manifestations.

Such manifestations are accepted by ministers of so-called Pentecost and now even by message ministers as the "**moving of the Spirit**", but it is not. Its fanaticism and heretical! Though such people maybe sincere, honest and desperate for God and to have their prayers answered, they are untrained and out of scriptural order. The minister himself may have brought over such Pentecostal traits under the message and his church. Thus, such manifestations are commonly accepted by him and from his congregation.

**People are out of the Spirit, insincere and as a result are grossly irreverent**, who laugh, talk, gaze around, make signs to one another, groom their hair and clothes, pick their nails, play with babies, thumb through a song book, and do other things that are too numerous to mention here, while prayer meeting or preaching service is in progress! Brother Branham said cursed be the man who lifts his head while I pray. He also asked for some to bow their heads while he was casting out an Epileptic demon, they refused and were all possessed by the same demon.

### **CURSED BE THE PERSON THAT'LL RAISE THEIR EYES**

Quote: E-68 "*I want you to bow your head. **Cursed be the person that'll raise their eyes** and look this way until they hear me say, "Raise your eyes." (Jesus Arose 56-0405).*

### **THAT'S A CURSE OF GOD... I WON'T PRAY FOR THAT SIN**

Quote: E-84 "*I asked them to bow their head... And I started to pray, and **they wouldn't put their head down**... And the epileptic left the child and twenty-eight people of a certain denomination pastor and all twenty-eight of them took epilepsy and fell over on the floor frothing at the mouth... **that's a curse of God.**" (God's Covenant With Abraham 56-0428).*

Another person irreverently raised their head and suffered from Amnesia! We must be reverent at all times in service and should not do anything to disturb the Spirit or be irreverent in the Presence of the Lord!

### **THE SPIRIT LEFT THE WOMAN ON THE PLATFORM AND WENT TO HER**

Quote: 9-1 "*The lady just irreverent raised her head anyhow. **And the spirit left the woman on the platform and went to her.** And the lady has been in serious condition... Amnesia." (Greatest battle ever fought 62-0311).*

### **THIS IS THE SANCTUARY OF GOD - THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS BE REVERENT**

**Quote:** 601-Q-132 "Brother Bill, please say something about both children and adults being so noisy in morn--moving about during the service. This tabernacle needs some lessons in reverence.

Amen. Children, do you not know how to obey yourself in the house of God? Do you not know **this is the sanctuary of God? God is in His holy temple**; let everybody keep quiet. It's the place of God where people are coming, meditating, trying to find salvation to the soul, trying to find the problems of the people's lives, trying to help someone. **The least you can do is be reverent, be quiet.** Get you a drink of water 'fore church starts; I know little ones has to have drinks. Mothers that's got those little fellows, if you'd set near the back, keep them just as quiet as possible. And there should never be a whisper, never one whisper. We're all guilty. But when that Bible is read and that minister enters the pulpit, we should be silent, waiting on the Lord. Now, please try to do that. (Qa. God Being Misunderstood 61-0723e).

**Real prayer meetings are to be conducted in the most simple and humble manner!** The saints of God are gathered, music can be played to invite the Spirit of the Lord, and some singing can be included to get the people into the spirit. Psalms can also be read as a form of prayer, if the saints are not praying out to the Lord as expected. Certain persons can be appointed to lead in prayer one after the next without using the pulpit or having to call upon them Those who are not praying should try to yield to the spirit by repentance, confession of sins, lifting holy hands unto the Lord and agree with the prayer of others who are praying! "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."(Matthew 18:19). It is important to understand that all do not have the same nature and expressions to the Lord and may choose to pray in their hearts like Hannah, whose lips moved and her words were not heard; insomuch that Eli judged her as a drunken woman. Others may weep before the Lord silently and others openly. **God deals with his subjects in the way that He designed them** and one should not judge another, because they are not loud in their expressions!

Prayer meetings can continue for several hours, the Lord on Mt. Olivet earnestly requested that the apostles **pray with him one hour.** We should at least fulfill that request. If the Presence of the Lord is in a prayer meeting, believers can pray for two or three hours. All should pray until they are fully satisfied, that their prayers are heard. Jesus continued in prayer all night. The hundred and twenty for many days in the Upper Room before the day of Pentecost. We must remember that he also said that "the revival fires are gone out and people have less burdens for souls". You cannot pray effectively without a burden or emergency!

### **IT TAKES A STATE OF EMERGENCY TO PLUNGE US INTO DESPERATION**

**Quote:** 45 "Usually it takes a state of emergency to throw us into desperation. **The emergency causes desperation when we ought to do it without the emergency.**" (Desperation 63-0901E).

## WHERE IS THEM ALL NIGHT PARAYER MEETINGS

**Quote:** 140 *"Where's that first love you once had? See?...Where is them all night prayer meetings and tears on your cheeks? My, goodness, the Bible's even dusty and got cobwebs on It...Oh, mercy. What we need is: Back to our first love. Back to Pentecost."* (Ephesians Church Age 60-1205).

**It is not wisdom to hold a congregation for several hours and force them to pray**, if they are not under a burden of prayer. Many will be bored and later absent themselves from service! It would affect young children whose hearts are not in the Word and are out of the spirit. Teenagers will begin to hate prayer meetings and even other services. When forced by their parents to come, they will be irreverent and misbehave. It will be better that a minister have a **short prayer meeting** and include a short message at the end of that meeting and let the people be dismissed. Added to this, he should establish in the hearts of the Saints that real prayer as commanded by our Lord should be in secret. He should teach the people to pray at home and in their prayer closets. Open prayer meetings are only to encourage people to pray who are not doing their duties at home.

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**Question#244:**"We heard of prayer chains. Did Brother Branham encouraged such, and how are they conducted?"

**Answer:**Yes, Brother Branham mentioned, concerning prayer chains.

## PRAYER CHAINS - GOD'S BOUND TO HEAR

**Quote:** E-4*"Sending handkerchiefs...Now, when I send these out...At the same time, I ask everyone to pray at nine o'clock at morning, twelve o'clock at day, three o'clock in the afternoon. And that's the world around. And people get up at midnight in the night, in old countries to keep that **prayer chain** at the same time. Literally, tens of thousands and thousands of thousands are praying at the same time. **God's bound to hear.**"* (God's provide way 53-1201).

This is usually done when there is a special need. Ministers and believers bind themselves together to pray at a certain time every hour or three hours and in certain cases, each person or group take a special hour, and pray for an hour or shorter periods. Vows are permissible by the Scriptures, but they must be kept. Prayer chain comes under the category of vows to the Lord. Many French ministers prayed together to have Brother Branham come to France! We can do many things too much, but never pray too much.

*"And he spake a parable unto them [to this end], that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." (Luke 18:1). "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubt." (1 Timothy 2:8). "When thou vowest a vow unto*

God, defer not to pay it; for [he hath] no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed." (Ecclesiastes 5:4).

### **YOU'LL NEVER PRAY TOO MUCH**

**Quote:** E-25 "Friends, you may laugh too much: you may talk too much; but you'll never pray too much. "I would that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands without..." (To Who Is Arm Of Lord Revealed? 50-0824).

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**Question#245:**"What is true dedication and consecration in prayer and fasting? Some eat, drink and man and wife sleep together. Are these things right?'

Dedication and consecration to God in prayer is a specific period of time, chosen by the free will of the individual, to draw closer to God. The period of time and the sacrifice of fasting is a personal commitment to God, which should not be broken because it is a vow, which must be paid or punishment will follow (Ecclesiastes 5:4-6, Deuteronomy 23:21). Individuals can choose to fast for short periods of time. Whatever time is decided upon must be kept to the letter. They should not break fast before that time. Whatever agreement is made concerning prayer must be fulfilled. Some pray every hour, others pray every three hours and a few pray for several hours consecutively, as they feel led of the Lord. They read the word and listen to tapes at intervals between prayer.

It is important that believers should not cheat on that time which is committed to the Lord, to do their own business! Thus they should get all business out of the way before committing themselves or Satan will use such things to disturb their dedication and consecration to God. We must be reminded that when we pray and fast it should be done in secret as much as possible for only, then we will be rewarded. If certain brethren desire to dedicate and consecrate their souls as a group in a secret place or at the house of God, they should be allowed to do so in an orderly manner, and should have the same agreement with the Lord. They should begin their fast and complete at the same time, least some become discouraged and break their vows. Members should seek council from their leaders.

To eat and drink while fasting is gross ignorance, insincerity and hypocrisy, because the person is not actually fasting. To fast means to deprive yourself of food, though water is permitted, especially if fasting continues for more than a day! It is important to drink water, least you suffer ill health after fasting is over. However there is a partial fast as in the case of Daniel, he said he ate no pleasant meat for a certain period and did not called it a fast, but mourning. If such vows are made to God they must be kept in that order and be fulfilled to the letter. You can be over-sacrificial, but not under-sacrificial.

In the case of husband and wife sleeping together and intimacies involved, it is unscriptural. Young couples should avoid the temptation of sleeping on the same

bed. Older people maybe in a different category, but the best benefit can be achieved when someone is alone with God without any distractions. The scripture disassociates intimacies from prayer and fasting and advise that husband and wife should come apart, in both the Old Testament and New Testament. Before Israel crossed over into the promise land they were commanded to sanctify themselves, wash their clothes and come not nigh their wives for three days.

***"Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency". (1 Corinthians 7:5).***

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**Question#246:**

**Heretical Article No. 180:**

"We have competitions amongst ministers and deacons, in preaching and for offices. How edifying is this for the congregation?"

**Answer:**All competitions naturally or in religious circles, express pride and pride is of the devil. Competition is responsible for jealousy, envy, hatred, and murder. Such facts are evident by the competitions of the world in politics, business, sports, religion and many other areas. Satan has succeeded in bringing competitions into religions, organizations and even under the message. Ministers strive to prove who is the greatest in the kingdom of God, who has more members and the biggest buildings. This is Satanic and is of the world.

*"Love not the world, neither the things [that are] in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that [is] in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." (1 John 2 15-17).*

Competition breeds strifes and contentions and every evil work. Many who strive to win an argument when you try to preach the truth to them. Their minds are closed to the truth and opened to their own heresy. Thus, their ears are dull of hearing and their eyes are blind to the truth.

*"This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy". (James 3:15-17).*

When ministers compete with each other {and deacons} the congregation will be dis-unified. **"A party spirit"** will come in and they will take sides with certain officers. Paul found that in his day. He knew the danger of such political spirit and stamped it out by the Word of God. Some were saying that they were of "Paul and Apollos and Cephas", but he pointed them to Christ, Thus it is not healthy, edifying and encouraging to the congregation. Wherever there are divisions there are also

heresies, self, pride, jealousy, hatred, malice and roots of bitterness and the church will be divided. Such is **responsible for the great divisions around the message**, especially since 1974, when "swell headed" men arose to **compete with each other on the subject of the thunders**. They were influenced by a "swell-headed heretic" from New York who even tried to preach "the Trail of the Serpent Seed" when Brother Branham announced that he will preach on that subject. Competitions have destroyed and continue to destroy many message believers and ministers. The presence of this spirit around the message is evident by their sport programs and competitions with each other, in ball games and other types of sports. **Sports spirit are also upon the preachers and they have taken it to the pulpit to fight and do battle against the truth**, but they shall not prevail because this is the gospel of Jesus Christ and not sports. The followers of the message are full of unbelief in another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They have the same traits like Israel, who the scripture spoke about that they "eat and drink and rose up to play". They played with the message, the promise of the hour, God and his Prophet and blaspheme their way to Hell.

Last but not least, Jesus stamped out all competitions from amongst the apostles, when they contended with each other about "who will be the greatest in the kingdom of God", and said "he that desire to be the greatest, shall be the least".

*"At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:1-40).*

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## FASTINGS

**Question#247:**

**Heretical Article No. 181:**

"Some ministers and young men fasted long and prayed to have power like the prophet WMB, and loosed their minds, others died, how can God fail them?"

**God has never failed such people. They failed themselves!** Satan misguided such sincere, honest and desperate souls. **There are no Scriptures which command an individual; minister, lay-member, male or female to have long fasts.** Many presume that they should fast for twenty-one days or forty days, because they read in the scriptures, about Moses and Jesus having fasted for forty days, or Daniel for twenty-one days. This is a heresy, which so-called Pentecost has propagated for many years. Many lost their minds and were committed to insane asylums. Others became **demon possessed and some died**. We cannot do God a service without his will; when we do things contrary to God's will, plan and purpose, He is not responsible for us; but many times because of our ignorance, he has mercy

upon us. Many books were written through the ignorance of authors which prompted sincere people to seek God for power to do signs, wonders and miracles. One such book is "Atomic power through fasting" by Franklin Hall. Many were deceived into long fasts and received no power with God because power is not by fasting but by the genuine article of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. **"And ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon thee"**. We learnt through witnesses that Brother Branham preached to people who were associated with Franklin Hall and his teachings on his book. He wisely attacked that heresy by saying that people asked him "if he had many long fasts to have such great power with God", and he said to them *"I never fasted for more than 3-4 days in my life"*.

### **THREE DAYS IS THE LONGEST I EVER FASTED IN MY LIFE**

**Quote:** 12 *"A few weeks ago, there was a circular letter put up here in Memphis, Tennessee, had my name signed to it, photostat copy, and said I had been with this person for thirty days on a fast. **Three days is the longest I ever fasted in my life.**" (Go wake Jesus 63-1130E).*

This so-called Pentecostal idea and **heresy were brought over under the message** by Pentecostal preachers who are ignorant of the truth concerning fasting. This Heresy is based upon the gross misrepresentation of the scriptures. We should take for an example the prophet of our age, William Branham Elijah the prophet, Malachi 4:5-6. He never had long fasts, though he contemplated on doing so. He later called it "nonsense", which he must "forget and move on with God".

### **THERE'S NOTHING IN THE WORD TELLS YOU TO HAVE A FORTY DAY FAST**

**Quote:** 111e *"Forget it. Dump it out of your soul. Say, "God...I want to forget **all this foolishness of all these forty day fasts** and see if I can get closer to God, and all this, that, and the other, **all of this nonsense.**" Stop it. **There's nothing in the Word tells you to have a forty day fast, not a thing.**" (Enticing spirits 55-0724).*

**God is not responsible for message ministers or believers, who presumptuously choose to go on long fasts, through their ignorance.** Some are conscious of the lack of power and manifestations amongst message believers and have in the past fasted to bring that power into the church. They are ignorant of the fact that power is not by fasting, but by another outpouring of the Holy Spirit, like the day of Pentecost. In the late sixties, three prominent men from USA, one from the Jeffersonville area, who claims to be an apostle and the others also attached to the prophet and the message went on a long fast for power. The whole country and even overseas heard of the announcement before their fast. Jesus said "when you fast sound not a trumpet". It started in pride and ended in shame. They received no power with God. They went to Israel to convert the Jews after they fasted, drank wine and had a fist fight. They all proved to be mentally off-balanced, or demon possessed since that time. One of the main figures had a few dreams, which Brother Branham interpreted. I guess that swelled his head out of proportion! He now assumes that there are seven men to reveal the Seven Thunders, and is associated

with the heretic Richard Gan from Singapore. Both preach similar doctrines. One major heresy is "based on pre-historic man" and another is "that the serpent was a tiller of the soil and Adam's servant". These and many other doctrines are outlined and exposed on Exposition Book eight.

Long fasts in the Caribbean were responsible for several deaths of ministers and believers. Two which are outstanding occurred in Trinidad. A middle aged colored man formerly a preacher of the "Yahweh Doctrine" embraced the message and became a personal friend of mine. He was sincere, honest and dedicated to the Lord and lived a sacrificial life. All in Central Trinidad were acquainted with him, love and respected him as a minister. He was never married. Even the revivalist Robert Lambert met him and honored him for his sacrificial life, and fully convinced him of the message. This precious colored brother, friend and minister grew tired of seeing message believers and churches in their poor, deplorable and reproachable state, of having no power and manifestations like the prophet they preached about, encouraged some to have long fasts. He encouraged a young brother and teacher who came under his influence to fast for a long period in his house. The poor brother died, I believe in God's mercy he is present with the Lord.

After this incident which alarmed many; this **preacher disciple of the Lord also embarked upon a long fast**. After fasting for 54 days, he visited my office on a service night. He made himself known to me, as I failed to recognize him because of his loss of weight. He was in need of certain things, which I supplied. I saw that he needed counsel and visited his home and spoke to him. I took him into my home and gave him my bed to use. Needless to mention, the awful state to which this precious brother was reduced, to. Though he broke his fast he was unable to eat. He developed a diarrhea and suffered severe pains. I counseled him and saw that he was sinking into several delusions insomuch that he indicated to me that he is a prophet, because he heard voices speaking to him. After several days he got a revelation to go to another Brother's home. I took him there. He later changed residence and went to his uncle who was ninety years of age.

I and another old disciple and preacher, Rogers Richardson visited this precious soul, and we were first refused to see him and gave him our gifts. We stood at the gate and consoled his uncle and let him know that we are not in favor of the minister's conduct but pitied his present condition. We noticed in the distance from the gate a naked man creeping in the yard without one stitch of clothes! His uncle said "this man is mad" and rushed to him, and invited us to come in. He had him imprisoned in a room, but he escaped. He was crippled on one side. He was crying for mercy and calling my name. He held on to my feet, while he lay naked on the ground. In the presence of the aged men **I spoke to my friend with love, respect, honor and a corrective voice**. I told him that "he was doing contrary to the Word and message of the hour and did **become a disgrace and a poor testimony to the ministry**; also that Brother Branham had a family doctor and never refused to use medication". I said thus; because he was diagnosed with cancer of the prostate and refused to go to the hospital. I preached to him and divided the lines between fasting, divine healing and medical science. His uncle began praising God aloud for such middle-lines on those subjects. He himself being an old Christian, he declared that God sent us there that morning. My friend at this point let go my feet and stopped begging for mercy. He was in utter disappointment because I failed his expectation

to stand with him against his uncle whom he considered as a devil, and was trying to kill him.

It is sad to say that, this precious soul was committed to the hospital by force, where I visited him. He subsequently died without receiving any power through his long fast. We cannot do God a service without his will.

The remarkable difference between those who perished by long fast and those who became a blessing and were recorded in scriptures and possible history is that the former were not in the will of God and the latter had the perfect will of God

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### **Question#248:**"Are sisters permitted to pray in church?"

My answer to this is yes. [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] However, when **they are in the presence of men, they must recognize the head of the woman is the man, and should not try to force themselves to lead, but be with understanding and love submit in meekness, this is virtuous and of great price in the sight of the Lord.**"

*"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." (I Corinthians 11:3).*

But let me say this to you my sisters, you are equally valuable as a soul, precious in deed to the Lord. Because other women who might very well be, our sisters, lack this understanding and virtue they literally force themselves into that place of authority, to show that they are equal with the man, it is certainly foolishness, and we have no such custom among us, nor do we have time for such vain show or competition. Beautiful women of God, who kept their place and they prayed in the house of God, place, they were of great price in the sight of God.

*"And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation." (I Samuel 2:1).*

*"And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served [God] with fastings and prayers night and day." (Luke: 2:36-37).*

So I am saying that sisters are allowed to pray in the church, and I thank God for you sisters who are praying, and I want to encourage you to pray more, but you must understand your place, that God has given you and how to behave your self in the company of men. When you are home by yourself you pray, and you lead your own prayer meeting, but when a man is there, you must submit yourself, he takes the leading roll.

## **TWO WOMEN FASTING & PRAYING, THE REASON IT WAS A SUCCESS**

**Quote:** E-8 "The pastor can't do it all. It's got to take some members in the church. You have support it with prayer... **Two little women that's been hid away in these eight days in the meeting, has been fasting and praying** for this meeting. That's one of the reasons that it was a success. That's right. So I appreciate you sisters, and I appreciate you, not only them, but others who've been fasting and praying too, and backing me up with your wonderful faith in Jesus Christ.' (Do you now believe 54-0307E).

So I believe that the sisters should pray in the church, and you come in and pour out your heart before the lord, like Hannah; pray and even though your lips are not moving, still cry out unto the lord, God is going to hear your prayer.



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## **PENTECOSTALISM UNDER THE MESSAGE**

*"The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. A wise [man] will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings."* (Proverbs 1:1-6).

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**Question#249:**

**Heretical Article No. 182:**

"Song leaders preach when leading songs; is this right?"

**Answer:**A song leader is not a preacher. He is a song leader, and according to church order, his business is to go up to the pulpit; and in our case the brethren sit on the chairs; and **lead the songs of the Lord and leave the preaching to the preacher.**

### **THE SONG LEADER LEADS SONGS - IT'S THE PASTORS' BUSINESS TO PREACH**

**Quote:** 913-186 *"Have a song leader...And **don't let them stand up and say--or carry on a lot, they're a preacher.** Let them stand up there and lead songs; that's their business. It's the pastor's business to preach."* (Church Order 63-1226).

Now this here is typical Pentecostalism; that a service is going on and the song leader will come on the pulpit, start leading the songs, then start preaching in between, lead the next song, start preaching in between, and use up the time of the minister. And, you could see a lot of pride involved, ambition, showoff involved, and these ruin the service. It wears out the people; before the minister could actually come with his message. So this is unscriptural. And I will add this here; even though a song leader is a preacher, and comes to the pulpit; **he is not supposed to use the two offices at the same time.** He is either a preacher on the pulpit or he is a song leader. When he comes up to the pulpit, he must lead his songs, and wait until his time comes to preach the Word of God. You do not mix matters! So all these things came from so-called Pentecost and have hanged over into the message.

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**Question#250:**

**Heretical Article No. 183:**

"The song leader is over the music program since he is gifted to lead the songs and not the pastor. Is this scriptural?"

**Answer:**That is unscriptural. **The song leader is gifted to lead his songs.** He may have a voice like the voice of an Archangel, he could be a tremendous blessing to the church and continue to be a tremendous blessing to the church, **but he is not over the music program.** He is not over the song leading. He is gifted to lead songs, and cannot do what he wants. That power is invested in the pastor, and him only, according to the teachings of this message as Brother Branham established on "Operations of church offices." That settles the matter, even because, **the pastor** may not have a gift of leading the songs but he **has a gift of leading the church;** discerning the right and the wrong spirit. He has a gift to understand what pleases God and what doesn't please God. **He could discern when the music, is getting those worldly beats in it.** He could discern when the worldly kinds of singing are coming into the songs. That is his job. He may not be able to sing a song but he could discern what kind of a song that is, what kind of music that is and what kind of a person that is who is singing the song and playing an instrument. **So he's called of God to lead the church of God as a whole in all respect:** song leading, music,

the deacons, the treasurers, the trustees and the ministers that are under him. So this is unscriptural and it's a heresy.

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**Question#251:**"If a famous singer or musician from the world is saved. Should he be engaged in church services immediately?"

**Answer:**Absolutely not! **Water baptism and accepting our Lord Jesus Christ does not deliver a man's soul entirely from demon possessions.** This is a fatal mistake. For you to take a singer from the world who was singing all these kinds of jazz, rock music, calypso and every thing, or playing in a musical band, and put them up behind the pulpit to lead songs or to play music, it's a great danger. The danger that is involved here is that **your church music can be hybridized with the music of the world**, and you could have the young people catering to that, and they could fall in love with that kind of music and they want to hear that kind of beat, that kind of singing and then you corrupt the whole church.

Such a man could be used of the Lord, but, **he must empty himself from all those worldly styles** of singing, playing music, playing the piano, or whatever instrument. He must prove himself to be living a Christian life. His motives and objectives must be right. He must not transfer from the world, because he got a little depressed, and then come over to the church to continue his fame.

Some musicians leave the world because of certain conditions. They figure that they are going to die and they are suicidal. They lose some fame out there in the world. Sometimes they are convicted by the Spirit of the Lord through hearing some preacher, but they don't want to lose that attention, they don't want to lose that fame in the world. It goes the same way with preachers or anything that you are doing. So they want to come over to a big church and carry on that same kind of fame, popularity, they want to be admired, they want to be appreciated, and then they could get their worldly music and singing hybrid into Christian music. So-called Pentecost is filled with that, and they are happy when a pop singer comes in and is, what they call 'saved', accept the Lord Jesus Christ, make a confession and get baptized. **That does not take out those demons from such people**, and he will hybrid the church music with rock music, jazz and whatever you call it. That person needs to sit down and prove himself emptied of the world. Yes. His very voice in singing must be changed to a certain extent, where the pastor, if he is spiritual, could discern that, that man is not carrying a worldly voice in singing, but he is trying to train his voice to sing Christian songs and play Christian music.

The devil could be very subtle, and **you could think that you are hearing Christian music, but in there, the devil has certain things that he slips in**, in just a minor little form and "a little leaven, leaveneth the whole lump". And **you don't even know that your music is changing and your singing is changing because you do not have that discernment.** You feel nice about it, but if you have a spiritual shepherd,

he is looking over that, and even though he does not understand music, he knows that, not because he is a great singer or studied in that field.

There is something that, and with that discernment, something just don't feel right about that song, that music and that certain behavior of that man, and right there **the Spirit of the Lord alerts that man** and he says, "Stop it!" He may not know why he is stopping that, and somebody might want to challenge him to prove to them that, such music is wrong. He says "I can't prove that. I am the shepherd here; I don't want that music in here". So he don't have to go to school for that. What he has is spiritual discernment. **Without spiritual discernment it is useless that a pastor tries to pastor a church.** That's one of the first things that a minister must have, and that is spiritual discernment to discern the motives and objectives of people and secondly, to discern the spirits that are moving in the House of God. (Hebrews 4:12) The word is a discerner.

### **BY GOD'S SPIRIT DISCERN AND WITHSTAND THE ANTICHRIST SPIRIT**

**Quote:** 15-3 *"If they get a true revelation of the two spirits within the framework of the Christian church, and by God's Spirit discern and withstand the antichrist spirit, Satan will be powerless before her."* (Church Ages Book).

No minister should be standing behind the pulpit until he has the correct discernment of the right music, the right songs, the motives and objectives of people, and the right discernment of a minister preaching behind the pulpit. He must understand those things, otherwise the church is gone.

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**Question#252:**"Should any person lift up their voice louder than the song leader and take the lead by songs, or musicians amplify the sound of their instruments that drown out the song leader?"

**Answer:No.** The very reason that he is called a song leader is because he is supposed to lead the people in songs. This again is typical so-called Pentecostalism. We have seen it through the years that the song leader will be leading songs, and what they call 'getting in the spirit', a woman would just take over the song leading. She just raises up and starts lifting her voice, leading the songs, and her voice is above the song leader's voice, and then the song leader wants to stop, and he hopes this is the last verse she is going to sing, and then, a next woman over there starts the song again, and then she stops and a next man starts in the back, and they call that the moving of the spirit. **That's fanaticism!** If you will allow that in the House of God then, why do you have a song leader? Why do you call him a leader?

A song leader is to lead the congregation in songs, and anytime people do that, there is something wrong. They are untrained, and the pastor himself is untrained.

He came from so-called Pentecost and did not leave his so-called Pentecostal habits over there, so he allows the women and men to go anyhow in the church, sing how they want, and he himself might be untrained or ignorant of what is correct church order. You allow that and then you will have the song service running for hours. You wear out the preacher. When it's time to come out, the people are so tired of singing that they cannot hear the word of God. Now all those things **came from so-called Pentecost and we must put these things away now that we are under the message**. We are perfectly established on these things for decades. It don't mean very much to you because we don't have these kinds of practices in our midst. These questions are very strange to people who are trained up, so it makes you smile. I see some of you smile and shake your heads. Some of you are in agreement with me because you came from so-called Pentecost and you know that I am speaking the truth.

So nobody should be lifting up their voice above the song leader's voice. Even if you are a singer and you are nearby and that song leader is taking the service for the night, the next person should not butt in and start leading the song. Let me show you the practical part of this. We have several preachers here. If another minister gets in the Spirit, and he is so enthused and feels like preaching this morning, and while I am preaching, he runs up here and starts preaching from just in front the pulpit, won't that be confusion? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] That would be confusion. I will lean over and say, "Please brother, go back to your seat." It might be a little embarrassing. A preacher could get anointed like that and must control himself, because there is a gift down in there that keeps stirring up. When you hear certain messages, you feel like you want to tell it too, and that sort of desperation and zeal might be in him. I will tell the preacher what to do: say, "Amen!" and support the Word. You could rise up, swing your hands, kick out your foot there, just don't kick anybody, but support the word of God.

There is something that happens. A song-leader, could be hearing somebody singing a song and you have that gift inside of you. It would keep stirring up, and if you don't watch out and learn control, you could run across and want to take over the song service, but you would be out of order.

So you have to be understanding at the same time. It is not that something is drastically wrong with the man. There is something good about him and **he has a good gift inside of him** that want to go into action but he must learn control. It's Pentecostalism to do that, and that's a heresy in itself.

### **THAT GIFT WANTS TO OPERATE ALL THE TIME**

**Quote:** 203-337 *"And you people who's got the Holy Ghost and called into offices, teachers... Now, could you imagine... **Here's me standing here trying to teach, and here jump a man up, side of me, and start teaching** right at the same time, another man stand out here singing a jubilee song? Well, what a confusion...that's the way it is about speaking in tongues...Now, you say, "Well, Brother Branham, I can't help it." Oh, yes, you can... No matter how much It wants to speak, hold your peace. That's a gift, brother... and that gift wants to operate all the time. See? But*

***you've got to have the wisdom of the Holy Spirit here to know when and how to operate that gift.*** (Qa. Image Of The Beast 54-0515).

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**Question#253:** "We are forced to repeat the words: 'Hallelujah, Praise God etc.' If some don't, they are considered out of the Spirit?"

**Answer:** Again, this is the system of so-called Pentecostal. If you want to find out what is true Pentecost read the Book of Acts. But so-called Pentecost is what we have upon the face of the earth, and it's the biggest imitation of the early church, so people are forced to say, "Hallelujah, hallelujah, praise God, praise God, thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus." How many are familiar with that kind of trend? [*Some out of the congregation lift their hands.*] Well, a good many people. Now that's terrible. Our Lord reminded us, "*When ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them.*" (Matthew 6: 7-8). This is an invention of so-called Pentecost and it came about in order to invite the Spirit in the church and upon them to receive the Holy Ghost.

I will let you know what goes on. In so-called Pentecost, people come into the house of God and the Spirit of the Lord is not there. It's dry. They developed a certain system that when they want the Spirit to come upon them in their prayer closet, in the church or as a congregation gathered. They taught the people to say: "Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus", and then they repeat such phrases faster and faster until they get into a frenzy and sometimes they start speaking in tongues and sometimes it's the devil talking in tongues. Sometimes they say it so fast that their tongues tie-up and they think they are speaking in tongues. When they get into that emotional frenzy they actually think that is the Spirit, but that is emotionalism. Let me tell you something, if I never said this before: that system that so-called Pentecost invented to invite the Spirit of God is **nothing less than heathenism**. Heathens chants in order to get into their emotions and feel good in their religion by a religious spirit.

Many of us here in Trinidad are familiar with a sect of the Hindu religion called, "Hare Rama, Hare Krishna", and you heard them chant. They would say those words over and over again. "Hare Rama, Hare Krishna." They start off very slow and then get faster and faster and beat their drums in the public and then jump up high in the air. Now something happens to them. That is not just a make up something. That is actually getting into an emotion. You would be surprised to know how far emotions could carry a man.

### **WALKING THROUGH THAT FIRE, UNHARMED**

**Quote:** 55 "*This fire-walker...must walk slow, steady through these coals of fire...as many as fifteen feet deep...and maybe thirty yards or forty yards long... and they're white hot. And he has nothing on but a clout...and bleeding, and fish hooks and*

everything all over his body, **works hisself up into a frantic** until white slobbers is pouring from his mouth... **walking through that fire, and walk out on the other side, unharmed at all.**" (*Christianity Versus Idolatry* 61-1217).

You could get into emotion frenzy and do a lot of things. All that is, is mental power. There is so much power invested within a human being, just in his mental capacity, that science has not yet even touched. Science has not yet even tapped the natural mental powers of a man and much less the powers that belong to his soul. The spiritual part of human beings.

**Quote:** E-33 "Here the other night I saw on a telecast of a man with psychic mental faith set a glass of water and stood back and kept concentrating on that glass of water till it bursted it, just by concentration, watching that glass of water...just pure mental consecration. Why? That's his fibers. That's his makeup. If he can do that-- got a power in him by mental thinking that can break a glass of water, and him being a sinner, that shows that there was something made in that man. He's in a fallen, perverted condition. But if that man can only get back to God, and let God get into him, why, with that power turned loose of the Kingdom of God." (*The Messiah* 61-0117).

**All that so-called Pentecostals are practising is a heathen way of getting into emotions,** and they experience certain things. What is the difference of saying, "Hare Ramah, Hare Krishna" and saying "Hallelujah, Hallelujah" repetitiously? Don't you see it's a chant? So we have so-called Pentecostal chanting, around the world, and in so doing they force themselves into a certain realm, bring demons upon them, and become demon-possessed. I quote Brother Branham:

### **'OH, FILL ME, FILL ME,' THE DEVIL WILL SURE DO IT**

**Quote:** 125 "False prophets have false words: creeds, denominations, sensations. "Only thing you have to do is just be blank in your mind, don't think of a thing, and say, '**Oh, fill me, fill me, fill me.**'" **The Devil will sure do it.**" (*You Must Be Born Again* 61-1231m).

It's a terrible thing to try to break into the realms of the spirit without proper guidance from a spiritual leader. And that is what so-called Pentecost has done. I don't know how many millions they have today following them, but it's just an emotional system mixed with demon power.

These so-called Pentecostal traits and habits came over from the so-called Pentecostal church, under the Message. Right now, they are falling on the ground, with the same kind of an emotions; women's dress up in the air, and they live nothing. **I believe in saying, "Hallelujah," but it must not be an invocation** and an emotional frenzy of vain repetitions. I believe in saying, "Praise the Lord," I believe in thanking God, but we have a scripture in the Bible that told us, "**When we pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking**". And so-called Pentecost today, think that they would get the Holy Ghost, and they will become spiritual, for their much speaking. But **actually what that is, is chanting.**

A man in the congregation here, may get in the Spirit and say, "Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lord," and he may never ever do that, the next week or for a next month. But when you make that an invocation and you use that as **chants and words to bring the Spirit of God** upon you, you are wrong. If the Spirit of God is upon you, you may say, "Hallelujah" ten times. Now, do you see the difference? If the Spirit comes upon you, it could cause you to say, "Hallelujah, praise God and thank God," but **Pentecost has it upside down**. They chant those words to try to bring the Spirit of God upon them, and **that is not the method** of bringing the Spirit of God upon you. That's not the method. The method to bring the Spirit of God upon you is very simple: "God gives the Holy Ghost, to them that obey him." (Acts 5:32). You continue to hear the words of Life, believe it, practice it, strive with all your heart to do the right things, and when you do wrong, repent friend; and you don't have to get into any frenzy; the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you and guide you, lead you and teach you. That is how simple to get the Spirit of God upon you. Not this kind of so-called Pentecostal invention of, "Hallelujah, hallelujah, praise God, praise God, thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus," and get into a frenzy and start jumping up, and speaking in tongues. **You get demon possessed.**

**So your pastor is wrong**, by forcing you as a believer, under this Message, to get into those chants, and then consider you as unspiritual, because you wouldn't do that. **I assure you that you are more spiritual than your pastor.** Oh yes! It's Pentecostalism, and he's not yet delivered from those traits, though he may be a sincere man.

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**Question#254:**

**Heretical Article No. 184:**

"My children and wife are disciplined, by the pastor and deacons, because they don't lift their hands and praise God, and shout. Is this right?"

**Answer::** Typical Pentecostalism again. Let me tell you something about worship, my brothers and sisters. The first thing that I would make mention of is, St. John 4:24-25; Jesus said, "They that worship God must worship Him in Spirit and in truth." You could teach a congregation to lift their hands and praise the Lord, you could get the deacons to discipline people who don't do that, the minister could come and bawl them out, and out of fear and discipline by the deacons, you could get the whole congregation to lift their hands and say, "Praise God, thank You Jesus," and it could be hypocrisy, because they that worship God must worship Him in Spirit and in truth. The worship is not truthful, sincere, honest, and it is not coming from the heart, but it is coming from training, rebukes, insults, and because you were taught and trained up that way. The truth of this whole matter of worship is that **the people of God must worship God in the way that they feel led of the Lord.**

God designed his creatures in various ways, and a man could be very quiet, but in his heart he is sincere and honest, and in his heart there is gratitude for every word that is spoken from the pulpit, and nobody hears his voice, screams or the shouts, but in his heart he is so appreciative: for where he is sitting, for what he is hearing,

for the brethren and the minister, and in his heart he thanks God. He may not even say, "Thank you Jesus" in his heart, but just the appreciation is what the Lord is looking at. The Lord looketh upon the heart of man, but man looketh upon the outward appearance.

Nobody should force anybody, and there is no law or codes of rules and regulation to discipline anybody in the House of God, when they would not raise their hands, when they would not shout out, "Praise God," or when they would not scream or dance. Beloved, what kind of church we would have here? We would have a set of dancers, a set of shouters, and a set of people in the congregation who's bawling down the place like so-called Pentecost, thinking that they are worshiping God, but the Lord said, *"In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."* (Matthew 15:9). So there's a vain worship, and you could worship God, but you could come to church without sincerity, worship God without sincerity, pray without sincerity, and do a lot of things without sincerity. And I could come here through the years and teach you that every person must praise God aloud. I'll be a fanatic. When you finish praise and you do all those other things; you go outside and live like the devil, because there is no sincerity in the heart.

So-called Pentecost thinks that they are really praising God; look at their lives: women in pants, high-heeled shoes, chopped of hair, adultery, fornication, rock music, jazz and calypso in the church, even because the sincerity is not in the heart, and they are worshiping God but not in Spirit and Truth. They don't want to hear the Word. It's a certain system. They try to fool the whole world that they are worshiping God more than everybody, and they have certain statements which they use. They say, "Give God the glory brother." You're giving the devil your glory, because, "In vain do you worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men." **As long as you are teaching contrary to the Word of God, your worship is going to the devil.** Believe it or not. You must worship in Spirit and what? [*Congregation says, "Truth."*] Truth.

### **THEY WORSHIP SATAN THINKING THEY ARE WORSHIPPING GOD**

**Quote:** 5-4 *The god of this world today, the worshipped person of this world today is Satan, and the people are ignorant of worshipping Satan. But it's Satan impersonating himself as the church. They worship Satan thinking that they are worshipping God...Oh, you say, "But we preach the Word."... It's that misconstruing that part of the Scripture that applies to the day...II Thessalonians, the 2nd chapter.* (Satan's Eden 65-0829).

**Anytime you preach contrary to that truth, all your worship goes to the devil.** Anybody who preaches "Seven thunders revealed in 1963", their worship is going to the devil; anytime you preach "Seven trumpets are revealed, but were not revealed by Brother Branham", your worship is going to the devil. Anytime you allow the women to dress immodestly, your worship is going to the devil; I don't care how many spoken word books you have and how many tape recorders you have, your worship is going to the devil. This is solid teaching I am telling you about friend; **right under the Message, devil worshipers.** You have a pastor there living in adultery and trying to lead the church, he is leading you into the kingdom of Satan, and all

you worship is going to the devil. A man like that has got to bend the Word to suit his life.

So we don't force anybody, but everybody is supposed to acknowledge God in the way that the Lord designed them. You may choose to sit there and cry right through the service, and that's a blessing too. You may choose to sit there and just fold your arms, and bend down before the Lord, and you could be worshiping more than everybody. **So-called Pentecost knows nothing about spiritual worship. It's the appreciation in the heart, not the vain words that we use.** Yes! Quarrel whole night, fret, murmur, complain, fight like dogs and cats in their homes, and then come Sunday morning, and everybody say, "Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, hallelujah, hallelujah, thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus." As soon as the service is finished they fight again, boasting about who dressed the prettiest, who sang the best, and who preached the best. Yes. Confusion. Anytime preachers in the Message rise up and try to force the people to do those so-called Pentecostal things, it is because they themselves have that spirit yet. You're still in Laodicea.

That must not lay a foundation for everybody to think that they are quiet in their natures, and refuse to sing, refuse to worship and refuse to thank God when they come into the House of God; and those same people who think that they have a **quiet nature, they have the biggest mouth** when church is finished.

One young fellow came to confess to me that he went and drank a few beers and danced. I said, "That's a terrible thing for a young fellow to do who grew up in the House of God." I said, "Did you ever dance for the Lord?" He said, "No Brother Bruce." I said, "You never danced for the Lord but you went and danced for the devil!" He said, "I won't do it again."

Now do you see how deceitful people could become? The same quiet people that can't sing, can't worship and cannot praise, see how excited they get with some kind of worldly thing, see how they manifest when somebody makes a joke. They reach outside and their voices are so loud, but those are the same people who were sitting in the House of God and could not tell God, "Thanks, for the food." They could not sing the song and they would tell you that, "I can't sing." The same people sing worldly songs. So it's deceit and hypocrisy.

People with those kinds of hypocrisy and deceit down in them, without gratitude for God, without thankfulness for God in the heart (I'm talking about here), as a foolish minister I would come up and command them to praise God. Now if I beat them hard enough they would do it, but while they do that there is hypocrisy, deceit, unthankfulness, there is no gratitude, there is no life, no born again experience, they are out of the Spirit, and I beat them into subjection and tell them to praise God. So what I do, I breed ninety per cent hypocrites, and I train them to say, "Praise God." That is some kind of church. So ministers in this message are wrong. **They brought over their so-called Pentecostal hog-wash, and are trying to force people into praising God.** A man's wife, they got a hold of her and disciplined her and the children. **You are breeding a so-called Pentecostal assembly under the message.**

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**Question#255:**"What is the liberty of any person on the pulpit in demanding saints to lift their hands, sing, worship, say, "Amen" or other items?"

**Answer:** You **could only exercise such liberties** of asking the congregation to sing, praise God or different things **according to the leading of the Spirit**. It should not take on a formality, and if you do not have that discernment when to do that and how to do that, the better thing for you to do is to go on singing your song, pick up your offering, do what you are supposed to do on the pulpit and climb back down, otherwise you could exercise some formality. And I will tell you something: When you meet a trained congregation, you could get a good insult, because you could come up to the pulpit and say, "Now everybody, raise your hands and praise the Lord", and nobody does it. And then you alone ends up saying, "Praise the lord, praise the lord, thank you Jesus", and you are doing that to try to encourage them to do that.

Spiritual discernment is very important in doing anything in the House of God. I told my song leaders that they could ask the congregation at intervals to say, "Let us all stand and sing this, or let us all raise our hands and sing this, or let us lift our hands and praise the Lord", but I don't expect them to make that a formality. Sometimes, the truth is that the congregation doesn't have that confidence in you as a song leader to obey you as they would obey the pastor. If I come up here and say, "Everybody lift your hands." My brother, you hear a voice of authority and you have confidence in that and you lift your hands and just worship the Lord. A next fellow comes up here and says the same thing and he don't get that co-operation. That's the truth of it. So the best thing for you to do, unless you feel directly led of the Holy Ghost, is don't do that; forget it. Even the minister could come up here and say, "**Let us worship the Lord and praise God**", but a worship spirit is not there. **The people could only do that sincerely if a worship spirit is here, and if that is really here, you would hardly have to ask them that. Worship is automatic.**

Worship means that you are blessed. It means that gratitude wants to fly out of your heart. It means that I feel like getting up and running, and it means that I am charged in the Spirit. And on another occasion, the congregation is bound and you know that the Spirit of the Lord is trying to break through. You must have the spiritual discernment, and in order to help the people, you may say, "Let us all clap our hands and sing this song." That is to drive the devil away. And you might have the right touches and say, "Let us give him a praise offering now", and then you loose the service; but everybody doesn't have that discernment and ability.

It's the same way that every preacher does not have the **ability to hold a congregation** for one, two, three hours. No, that's not their calling. It's a certain gift and a certain styling of preaching that meets the soul's desires of the people, the hunger and thirst. So it could be done and they have the liberty to do it, but they must be led of the Spirit, and if you do not have that leading of the Spirit and the ability to do that, forget it, do what you have to do and leave the pulpit.

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## Question#256:

## Heretical Article No. 185:

"Some fall on the floor and women are exposed in worship services. Am I wrong to hate this?"

No! We hate the thing too, because this is typical Pentecostalism and rampant in so-called Pentecost, it is the deeds of the Nicolaitans that God also hate. (Revelation 2:6). The preachers could bear witness to that, who came from there. They have certain women with sheets to cover these naked people and imagine that **they brought this thing under the message**. So-called seven thunders produced this and a whole group of people were witnesses of these kinds of fanaticism under "the Coleman thunders", and it is going on right now in New York, and they said that a revival broke-out again in New York. **So the more unholiness they practise is greater revivals they are having**. They say that many are coming in by the dozens and by the hundreds into the church. All that you will make them is an unworthy church member. If I break down the standards here, I will have this place filled with thousands of people. **We are not going to break down the standards for nothing!** We are looking for quality and not quantity.

This is very prevalent in so-called Pentecost. I'm talking about stark naked. You can't get that woman to pull down her dress, and you want to tell me that's the Holy Ghost? I'm talking about four men trying to hold a woman's hands down, and as soon as that hand gets away, she would pull that dress right up over her head. I'm not talking about hear-say. I'm talking about what I seen with my eyes and what you people seen with your eyes who belonged to so-called Pentecost. **Do you want to tell me that's the Holy Ghost?** Didn't the Holy Ghost say, "Let the women dress modestly?" And the Holy Ghost will come upon somebody and display them in that condition? Its got to be a devil, and that's the same ghost that was in the Garden of Eden. It's sick! And you have a right to hate the old thing. If that don't change in your church, get out and go and find another church that don't practice those so-called Pentecostalism.

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## Question#257:

## Heretical Article No. 186:

"Officers of the church take the liberty and control and say who should sing or testify at service, and fuss with the pastor if he objects; is this right?"

No! It is clear that the pastor is to control the music program. All specials, all singing in revivals or any service that the church allows, he must give the permission to say who sings a special, is going to do this, who is going to do that and who plays the music. If somebody is on the list to play Sunday morning and that pastor feels led of the Lord to pull down those two brothers and put up these others, **that stands that**

**way and not a dog should bark.** That's how the House of God is run. So **you have no right to fuss with the pastor when he fixes the music,** fixes the song leading, fixes the deacons and the treasurers where they are supposed to be.

When the pastor says to sit in a certain place, you have no business to fuss. It shows your spirit. He controls the House of God and that settles it. So this is wrong.

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## **Question#258:**

## **Heretical Article No. 187:**

"Some have long drawn-out testimonies and kill the services and people are tired when I, the pastor, come to the pulpit. What should I do?"

First thing I want to say is that you don't know your rights. You have the church running any old how. And if for a simple thing like this, you don't know what to do, then you don't know a lot of things. As sincere as this question is, it reflects that you are not serious enough. You have a man having a long drawn out testimony, he kills the services, and then when you come to the pulpit the people are tired: "What should I do about it?" Don't you know that, **that is so-called Pentecostalism to the core?** Don't you know that is what goes on in so-called Pentecost to **open the door to bring into your service all kinds of foul spirits?** Somebody goes up there and they ask to testify. There's nothing wrong in testifying and asking to testify, but friends, when you come to testify it must be in order, your motives and objectives must be right, your entire purpose must be right, and the right purpose is to glorify God, to convince some sinner to be saved and convince some backslider to hold on. That's the motive, that's the objective.

You mostly find this problem in **people who want to show-off.** You give them fifteen minutes or half an hour to testify, and they want to tell you their whole life story, and want to bring in the parts that actually glorifies them, and shows them up. That's not a testimony. **You are blest for telling the bad things about you.** God wants you to tell the bad things. That is humbling your heart. Yes! Come up and say that you have a fussy spirit, how you cannot settle your matters peacefully, and because of that you made five enemies around the church, "Brethren pray for me please? I'm a terrible person." God wants that type of confession and testimony.

We have passed that many years ago and the brethren that testify here cut their testimonies to suit, and use up just the amount of time without giving them a specific time. In between we would find one or two fellows who still come and bore the congregation. After they talk for about fifteen, twenty minutes, half an hour, they forget what they are saying and they say, "Let me see what I have to say again. Oh, I can't remember right now. Anyway, what I was saying is about this." You are a sick fellow. You are supposed to testify once in five years. You don't even have common sense to know when you are boring people. A man must use common sense in his personal conversation and in public speaking, also to know when a man is tired of hearing him and don't wants to hear him again!

If you have a forgetful memory, you could meet a brother and tell him the same thing five times: "Do you know I caught a ten-pound fish the other day?" And tomorrow, your memory is so bad: "I caught a ten-pound fish." Next week, you meet the man and say, "Do you know I caught an eleven-pound fish?" The fish starts growing bigger and bigger and bigger. That fellow is so kind that he don't wants to tell you, "I heard that story already", and a kind person will stop there and say, "Yes, yes", but he is looking at his watch too and thinking: "Boy I've got to go now." Now this fellow is so untrained that he says, "Before you leave hear this; I catch a twelve-pound fish." You are a **boring fellow in talking to people**. If you are **boring in talking to people**, your friends your brothers and sisters, you will be boring on the pulpit. So some people have an 'old-talking' spirit. They like to 'old-talk'



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## **GOATS, DIVISIONS, OPPOSITIONS TO PASTORS**

**Question#259:**

**Heretical Article No. 188:**

"I have a church and people who I pastor, but there is a group of persons who do as they please, come to church late and when they want to. They are not active in anything in the House of God: prayer, the Word, reading the message, and many more things. What is their spiritual state? Are there people like that in other churches?"

**Answer:** Yes pastor, **I must admit that I have some like that too**. We are not all together spiritual, and like the prophet of God preached, there are three kinds of believers. So the answer to your question is, "Yes, there are other people like that in all churches where the Word of God is preached, and where the Word of God is not preached you could have all of them like that." Let us deal with this little group for a few minutes.

**Generally, in every church, there is a group like that.** The question you're asking is, "What is their spiritual state and why do they do this?" This little group is sitting in almost every church. I will describe some of them: They come to church late and leave early; nobody could convince them to do otherwise. They are not active in anything in the House of God: They don't care to learn music, they don't care to sing, they open their mouths when they want, and they have no 'amen' to say. If you have something going on in the House of God, like work, a special prayer meeting or a special service, they choose the days that they want to come and they pray when they want to. They don't care about carrying out instructions that are given from the pulpit. They have their own styles of dressing and of running their homes. The man does what he wants, the wife does what she wants, the children do what they want, and if the deacons, the ministers or brethren speak to such people, they are offended, and also brethren are afraid of them. They will allow their children to dress how they want and come to church. Those children will be inside the service disturbing other people, and if you talk to them about those children they are annoyed. "What is the spiritual state of such people? Are they devils Brother Bruce?" That is not altogether how you know the devil, preacher. You don't judge people like that.

The spiritual state of such people are, number one: **They are not yet fully convinced of the Word of God**, and you can find the answer to this question in a whole message of Brother Branham, called: "**Convinced and then concerned.**" If you are convinced about something then you will be concerned about it. Such people heard about salvation, heard about a hell and they don't want to go to hell, but they want to go to heaven for nothing. Do you know that there are some people who like freeness and they don't decide to pay for nothing? **Such people are soul-sleeping.** They have not heard the revelation but they heard the Word of God as mental believers and sit in the congregation hoping that they don't go to hell and hoping for the best. They are not convinced of the Word of God. If they were convinced they will be concerned: to listen to a tape, to ask an advice, to ask how to change their lives, to dress right, eat right and live right, because, they know their spiritual condition.

Brother Branham described them as people who toe the line. That is an American expression. He said, "You are toeing the line, or border line believers". They are not concerned about a prayer meeting, they are not concerned about the Word of God and their souls are sleeping. Now such people, you preach to for years: message after message... With every message that the minister preaches, he is hoping that at least some of these people that are soul sleeping will wake up. They walk out dry and the next time he sees them, they come back dry. It's a horrible thing. He preaches another message, preaches another month, preaches another year and he preaches for two years and those people never grew. I will call them **spiritual midgets-they never grew**. So they sit in the House of God and they never grew because they are **not born again**. If you are born again you will grow. If a seed shoots forth its bud, it will continue to grow. If a sheep is born, it has got to grow. It will eat food and drink water and it will grow and put on wool. So pastor, the thing is, they are spiritual dwarfs, spiritual midgets; and you as a pastor, are helpless before that group to do anything about it. That group will go on just like that until the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and it will show up at that time, when they cannot receive the token. They will come to you at that time. **The rapture is going to leave them, and then, they will be called the foolish virgins or the sleeping virgins.**

People will hear and hear and hear. You say, "What causes that?" It starts from the root - they are not fully convinced of the Word of God. "Preacher, what to do about these people?" **Be careful how you handle such people.** Those people have a certain mental conception of Christianity, eternal life and salvation. If you go as a pastor, and try to deal with them like another saint of God that is really after the Word of God; they will blow up in your face and they will spread rumors about you and your family. "How to handle them?" Let them go on. **There isn't anything that you could do. There is unbelief in their hearts.** They are skeptics of the Word of God. Those are the people who when they could get a little rumor on another brother, they will spread that. When they get something on the Pastor and his family, and the Deacons and their families, they will spread that. "Why do they do that preacher?" They are doing that in order to find somebody to be classified with. You see, a heart that doesn't have the right purpose, if they commit adultery and they are disciplined, they are happy when somebody falls in adultery. In other words, 'It's not me alone.' So the more people who commit adultery in the House of God, it's better for them. **That's a nasty attitude. That soul is not after eternal life.** Out of that group are going to come forth your foolish virgins, and sad to say, **amongst that group is the seed of the serpent, that cannot hear the word of God.**

Jesus said 'Why can't ye hear my words? Even because ye are not my sheep.'

Out of that group of people who don't care anything about what goes on in the House of God, don't care to come and clean their seats, don't care to borrow a tape or read a message, don't care to correct their grumbling spirit and fussing attitude (For years upon years they will pass judgment upon their brothers and sisters and say who is a devil, which Minister is a devil, which Deacon is a nasty man and which young woman is a nasty young woman, and go on for years upon years, and call their brothers and sisters 'devils') and don't even care if you go to hell... Friend, it's a bad sign. **Out of that could be the foolish virgins or the seed of the serpent.**

"How do you distinguish the seed of the serpent from those that are really soul-sleeping?" Anytime you see somebody starts blurting out criticisms against the word and against the ministry, starts fighting the saints of God, and starts hating that preacher, **it's a sign of a seed of the serpent.** Unbelief is the seed of the serpent. I said, "**Unbelief is the seed of the serpent.**" That's the first seed that the serpent planted in Eve's womb - Was unbelief in God's Word, and **Cain was a product of that unbelief.** So you bring forth, a certain fruit of unbelief.

### **THAT'S THE ATTRIBUTES OF SIN - UNBELIEF**

**Quote: E-36 "There's no other sin but unbelief. It's not a sin to do things like drinking and smoking and gambling and prostitution. That's not sin. That's the result of sin, the reason you do that is because you are a unbeliever. See? That's the attributes of sin." (Inner Man 53-1212).**

So now, out of that group that don't care anything about what is preached, what is said, the advice, the labors, the love manifested, and those same people would look around and see all the other brethren are desperate, serving the Lord, trying their

best, fasting, praying, that is not their concern. In other words, "They are good enough." **With that attitude, they go to hell.**

**Sometimes the Lord in his mercy, if they are children of God who are soul-sleeping, chastens them.** Whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth. The Lord might bring a certain judgment on them; all kinds of judgment. He will bring death in the family, to strike that whole family. He takes one of them to wake them up. A next person there, he might cause a crash with a car in order to wake them up, **and in all of that, many times those people don't wake up.** But every judgment that the Lord gives to such people, is a further call to wake them up.

Pastor, you don't have to fight. Don't fight with those people. **Sooner or later they will leave the House of God, or that outpouring will come and they will miss it.** Sooner or later that Rapture will come and these shall be the crying foolish virgins. To be honest with you pastor, **some of them are sent there to challenge you, to bind the service, to fight the Word of God,** to destroy the influence of the word of God and hinder the children of God. **They are ordained for that.** They are supposed to be there until the end. What a terrible portion! God have mercy that I am not one of that kind. I know that I am not, because my heart is set on eternal life above all things, and I want to do anything in this life to gain that eternal life. It doesn't matter what it takes and what I have to sacrifice.

You say, So, Brother Bruce, if you were a millionaire and the Lord came here and told you to give away all that money to the poor, would you do it?" Don't ask me if I will do it. You know I will do it. *[Congregation says, "Amen!"]* My brothers and sisters, without thinking, I will say, "Yes Lord, I give it all to the poor", even because I love life. That is what the Lord tried that rich young ruler with one time. The money was not the problem. He wanted to test him to see how much he loved the Lord and eternal life, because the question was, "What shall I do Lord, to inherit eternal life?" And the Lord started telling him. And he knew that that money was holding on to his heart. He said, 'Go and sell all what you have, distribute it to the poor, and come and follow me.' He went away very sad because he was a rich man. Where is he today? Where is the money? Did he take it where he went? *[Congregation say, "No!"]* My brothers and sisters, give your heart to the Lord. If you give your heart to the Lord, the Lord doesn't have to request that from you. If he had given his heart to the Lord, the Lord would not call for his money. The Lord wants your heart. In the same way, **the Lord don't want your tithes; he wants your faithfulness.** He wants you to express your faithfulness and your thankfulness to him. That is tithes paying. So now this is a sick group friend, and a lot of things could be said about this but we go on.

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**Question#260:**

**Heretical Article No. 189:**

"I love all in my church and I live the life, but some resent, despise, hate, shun, don't talk to me, and never say thanks for the word, the service or gifts I give them. Why is this?"

**Answer:** You have three kinds of believers. Judas followed the Lord for one purpose, and that is to sell him, bad talk him, and never said, "Thanks" and never showed gratitude and appreciation, even because **he was a goat from hell and went back to hell.** So now, **those are goat attitude**

A goat has a certain way that it manifests, and sheep have certain ways that they manifest. Naturally speaking, a goat and a sheep cry the same way, they eat grass as usual and both have shepherds. But there are remarkable differences between a sheep and a goat. **Notice the character of a goat: It always runs before the shepherd.** It will pull you until the day he dies to walk in front of you - Self-led, self-willed. A sheep will follow the shepherd behind. Their feedings are different. You look at a goat; it eats here and there. It picks on certain things. Whatever he bites is blighted. It will eat one bit of grass here, spoil it, run over and eat some other grass and spoil that. Yes. **But in the eating of that sheep, he takes all the word of God.** A sheep eats from one side clean like if you cut it with a lawn mower. He would feed in the pasture that the shepherd puts him to feed in. He would not run across there and pick on this, pick on that and pick on the next. **That's a goat attitude.**

We could go a long way talking about the difference between a sheep and a goat. And one remarkable thing is that they make the same kinds of noise, and that goat will behave and cry just like the sheep. If you don't have discernment you will say that, that's a sincere sheep. **It's a goat you are really shepherding.** So it's not surprising.

Pastor, I believe that you're a young minister. You have got to become tough and forget who despise you, hate you, love you and shun you. You've got to take up the Sword of the King and cut your way through. **In every church you at least have one person with that attitude.** Jesus had twelve disciples one time, there was one who hated his guts, stole from the money bag, went and sold him to the Pharisees, and he was a traitor. That's the attitude of a goat. They don't talk to you and they shun you. **Such people belong to that group that I just spoke about: that serpent seed group, that foolish virgins group, that soul-sleeping group.** Even the elect is in that condition and joins that group. In God's mercy, He lifts him up with chastisement and beats him out of that condition.

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**Question#261:** "If a brother or a sister in the church is always talking against the pastor with other brothers or sisters, what should we do to that brother or sister? Should we bring them before the pastor and call for a meeting or should the church excommunicate him or her?"

**Answer:** A brother or sister who is guilty of speaking against the pastor, is treading on very dangerous grounds and if that party doesn't know then they ought to be made aware of the scriptures concerning this. Numbers 12:1, there was Moses

the Prophet of God and pastor of Israel at that time and his sister Miriam, hear what she said:

***"And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman."***

One servant of God who we have high respect for once said, Moses may have been wrong to have married the Ethiopian woman but it was none of Miriam and Aaron's business to try to correct their brother. If a man of God or a servant of God makes an error it is up to God to correct him, God is big enough to keep him. And sometimes the Lord may allow situations to bring out certain spirits upon people, and for a lesson for us today and the generation that follow to learn how we should conduct ourselves with regard to our pastors.

If the pastor is guilty of preaching heresies and other sins, that brother or sister should leave, rather than remain there and cause confusion

It is important that this scripture be brought to the attention of such person. Also the **parties who gave ear to evil speaking against the pastor are just as guilty and need to be corrected** if they condoned such and became a part of it. If they heard it, reported it right away and exposed the error then that is their duty. What happens many times is that people's ears liked to be tickled with these things. It is usually something that appears to be a little wrong, that people give their mouths liberty to speak about. So it is necessary to bring such persons before the pastor in a meeting, before witnesses, and let them declare their grievances.

People must understand the seriousness of this offence, and be brought to the pulpit to acknowledge their fault openly to the congregation, begging for repentance. They must be warned openly that others will see and fear and not go that way. And if that person repents then all is well, then you have won someone but if they fail to repent and if they fail to change their ways and their attitude then they must be given a period of time; usually 7 or 30 days to repent or bring forth fruits. And then failure to do so they are put out of the House of God and let that person become a heathen or a publican unto you, because they do not want to be corrected. But first they must be given a chance at correction. (Matthew 18: 15-18)

If in that meeting that person says that they have no confidence in that shepherd, in that pastor, then they should be advised to find another pastor, after their own likeness, because they should not be allowed to sit under this pastor and evil speak him, so they are called to make a decision. You see, people have different reasons for what they say, and if they say that they have no confidence in the pastor then the wise thing to do is find one in whom they have confidence, otherwise they are wasting time and will never grow spiritually.

Evil-speaking a pastor is a horrible crime; you could lose your soul over that. If they're bringing an accusation against that pastor, then they must produce two or three faithful witnesses according to the Message and scriptures before anyone could receive such an accusation. The Bible said, "Against an elder receive not an accusation but before two or three witnesses." They must be faithful witnesses. And the Prophet of God to put weight to that, they must bare witness under oath, that

what they are saying they actually heard it. When coming against a pastor, you have got to come with solid backings and if he's in the wrong then he's not beyond correction, he'll be corrected. There is a right way and a wrong way.

Whether that pastor is right or wrong there is a correct way to say anything and it is not right to speak against that minister. And if you find that something is wrong, the best way is to approach the shepherd and say, "I observed thus and thus about you and I believe that it may be wrong and it is troubling me." Now you're not trying to correct him, but you're bringing it to his attention, rather than go and speak to others about it, you go directly to him and tell his fault between him and thee. You may only know part of the story and when he tells you the rest of the story, then you realize that it was not the way that you thought. Now it is a terrible thing to evil speak a brother or a sister, let alone a pastor who is preaching the Truth.

### **SPEAK AGAINST YOUR PASTOR-YOU MIGHT AS WELL HAVE SHOT HIM**

**Quote:** 348-349 055 *"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, and you're guilty of it. What Jesus said."* (Hebrews.chapter.7.pt.2.church.order 57-0922).

The man of God says if you speak against that shepherd it's like you have shot him, and those are very strong words and I don't think anyone of us want to be guilty of doing something like that.

### **WE ACCUSE EACH OTHER AND YET CLAIM TO BE CHRISTIANS**

**Quote:** E-21 021 *"But today, we try to think that we're different. How far it is from His prayer when He prayed that this would all man know that we were His disciples when we have love one for another. And instead of that, we fuss at one another. We despise one another, because we don't agree upon certain things. And we go out and accuse each other... And yet claim to be Christians. I know people who claim to be filled with the Holy Spirit, is guilty of such things, going out and really saying evil things about other Christians when they ought not to do those things. Now brother, sister, when we have that kind of a spirit, we might as well get it in our mind that we're not Christians yet. No matter how much we confess; it's what we possess that counts. We can not be Christians and not love all peoples. We might different with peoples. But Jesus didn't put in and say, "When now, here all you Pharisees, you're all going to hell, and there's no chance for you, because of this, that, and the other, because you are a Pharisee." But He went to them, and He ministered to them, and He helped them. He done everything that He could to help them."* (Images of Christ 59-0525).

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**Question#262:**

**Heretical Article No. 190:**

"I believe all your work on the exposition books. People in my church are always fussing with each other and visitors on doctrine; women also. How should I handle them? Some don't come to church until I am preaching, and criticize other preachers. The same people do as they please."

**Answer:** Pastor, **don't be discouraged, there are people all over the world like that.** Some people around the message, fuss, fume and fight with one another on doctrines. I will tell you the biggest problem with the followers of Malachi four; is that they are exposed to, too much knowledge on the Word of God, through the tapes and books, and it has puffed them up, made them intellectuals, and make them think that they know something more than the pastor, more than the Deacons and more than the Prophet. **Anytime you have fussing in the House of God, with members, on doctrine, you got to stamp that out as a minister.** You got to take your sword and cut the thing down, especially when women will start voicing their opinions. You are having a bad spirit in the service. "How to handle them?" You put some strong measures, especially where visitors are concerned, and they will fuss with visitors, and criticize and condemn the teachings of visitors who come in. **You let them shut up, warn them, and if they would not hearken, put them out the church.** The devil sends some of them there to destroy souls, while you are trying to win souls for the Lord. There should not be any fussing on doctrines amongst believers. **If they have a doctrinal question they need to direct that to the pulpit; to the minister.**

"Some don't come to church until I am preaching, criticize other preachers. The same people do as they please." You have these kinds of people. They suffer from a superiority complex. If you have a man doing as he please after hearing the Word of God, and would not come to church to hear the other preachers, unless you, as a pastor, is preaching, it goes to show that he is unspiritual to begin with. If he is not doing what he is supposed to do in the Word of God, he is unspiritual to begin with. So then, **the man is suffering from a superiority complex.** There are people who come to a business place and just want a little something done, and because of a superiority complex, they will go up there and say, "I want to talk to the general manager." It's a case that don't fit the general manager; "You could see this clerk out here." "I want to see the general manager otherwise I will tear this place up." Now, it's a superiority complex and when people have superiority complexes they think of themselves so highly and say, **"I only care to hear the pastor preach."** You are manifesting your superiority complex, and in order to show who you are, you **criticize the next preacher** and the next brother who tries to preach. That's a bad spirit

Do you know that there are preachers who cater to that? There are pastors who cater to that and will tell such a man and such a woman when they are preaching. Don't you know that you are minding a spirit in the House of God, and you don't know that, that same spirit that tries to lift you up, wants you alone to preach and

wants to hear you alone is that same spirit that is going to turn against you? I am telling you the truth.

Coming to church does not only involve hearing your pastor preach. It involves coming and sitting in the Presence of God, purging out your soul, coming there and praying for one another, your deeds, your sins, your purging, and when you come to the House of God, you've got to be thinking, "I am coming there to meet Almighty God, not the pastor, and if the Lord uses that little brother to say something or a next little brother to say something, thank God." If that next brother has a certain way of preaching and he has a gift of God that you love, then pray, "Lord, I want to hear my pastor a little more, put a message on his heart?"

Now pastor, the same Brother who only wants to hear you preach, and unless you are preaching he won't come to church, do you know that **he exalts himself above you?** "How is that preacher?" While the other Brothers were preaching, you were sitting there and hearing the other brothers preach, saying 'Amen', encouraging them and love to hear them preach, but this 'over spiritual' brother did not come to church that day because he only wants to hear the pastor preach. That's a contrary spirit. If the minister could humble himself to sit down and hear the other brothers preach, then there is no sheep more spiritual than the pastor in the House of God, and **what that man needs to do is to humble his pride.** For all you know, he read some of the message and he heard some of the tapes of Brother Branham and thinks that he has so much revelation, that he knows more than the little preachers over there, and **sooner or later he will think that he knows more than you and try to lead his family and others in the House of God.**

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**Question#263:**

**Heretical Article No. 191:**

"I believe the truth you preach. My church had several divisions; some were led away by ambitious brethren who are spiritual, and who were cliquing together."

**Answer:** This is the moving of the Devil. If you believe the Word of God friend, the devil will always try to beat you down and he will always try to cause divisions just as certain as Judas was in that little group there trying to cause divisions. "Some were led away by ambitious brethren who are spiritual,." No, they are not spiritual; they are unspiritual, and they "were cliquing together". Now, **that is how the devil moves.** That went on from Genesis right up to our age, and will continue.

The very reason that the church ages were revealed, the seven seals were revealed and God sent a message by a prophet called William Branham, was to edify, strengthen and prepare his servant to detect these spirits moving in the congregation, and **unless you have such a revelation and understanding, there would be divisions among you.** You must master the enemy, and the best way to master that is to get these books that we are sending out and stay in them.

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**Question#264:** "Why don't I catch on to Satan's working in my church until divisions already take place?" All seem to be so sincere and spiritual with much fruits of the Spirit, kind, friendly, gentle, smiling always."

**Answer:** Pastor, **you lack revelation on the opening of the Seals and instead of judging every spirit by the Word of God, you judge by how they smile**, how friendly they are and how gentle they are. No! You should be judging every man by the fruit of the Word that they bring forth in their lives. **If they would not do what you say to the letter**, as long as you quote the word of God, **that's a wrong spirit**, I don't care how friendly how nice they are. Jesus said, "He that loveth me keep my commandments." (*John 14:15*). **There wasn't a smoother fellow than Judas** amongst the apostles. "How did you come up to that?" At the supper table, when the Lord said, "One of you will betray me", Judas was such a smooth fellow that none of the apostles suspected that it was him. I believe that Judas had a charming smile. Nothing isn't wrong with a charming smile; I am just telling you about Judas who imitates the true Christian. I believe that Judas was a gentle fellow; I believe he appeared spiritual in such a measure, that nobody could put a finger on his life; he was a slick thief that nobody knew that he was stealing money from the money bag. The proof of this is that when the Lord said that on the table, every apostle blamed his own self and said, "Is it I Lord?" Not a man asked, "Is it Judas?", because he fooled all of them. Hear how slick Judas was. When eleven of them passed by and he alone was singled out, he said, "Is it I Lord?" You talk about a trickster.

Now the simple answer to this simple question is that you lack divine revelation on the Seals, you lack divine revelation on the church ages, and you are going by how nice, how pretty and how much smiles that somebody could smile. That doesn't work. It isn't going to work in this age. You lack revelation on Seals one to four, and you lack reading Exposition Books one to ten, so you better educate yourself. Brother Paul and Brother John could give you a little advice there of the wolves that was amongst the sheep

*"For I know this, that after my departing shall **grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.**" (Acts 20:29-30).*

*"Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that **antichrist shall come**, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. **They went out from us**, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would [no doubt] have continued with us: but [they went out], that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us." (1 John 2:18-19).*

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**Question#265:**

**Heretical Article No. 192:**

"Some are always in fellowship with false teachers and backsliders and don't hang around believers saying they must show love; why?"

**Answer:** If a person is a true Christian they cannot find fellowship with a false prophet, false teachers and backsliders. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice and a stranger they would not follow." Brother Paul said, "*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*" (2 Corinthians 6:14). **Anytime you see people hang around false prophets and backsliders, they are not born again,** and I will tell you something, they **don't fully believe the Word of God**, because they say they are showing love by fellowshiping with such false teachers, such goats, such backsliders, and call it love. **That is not manifesting love, that is disobedience.** There is a long way from disobeying the Word of God and true love. Jesus said, "*If ye love me, keep my commandments.*" (John 14:15). Did not Brother Paul command in the scripture, that if a man is put out from the House of God and if he is such and such and such, that you ought not to have fellowship with him? (1Corinthians 5: 9-13). Love is within the Word of God, not by disobedience. And some try to show more love than the pastor himself. They are looking for favors and friends. When the pastor and the true saints of God would not fellowship with a man that is put out from the House of God, there are certain people who go and fellowship with them. Do you know what that does? It puts the pastor in a bad light; it puts the brethren in a bad light. They are acting as hypocrites. Many are awaiting the answers to these questions.

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**Question#266:** "If a false thunder pastor or minister meets us should we talk with them or not? If they invite us to their church should we go and attend their meetings seeing that they also believe the message."

**Answer:** Notice that this pastor or minister is already identified as propagating false thunders to the person asking this question. False thunders is Damnable Heresies. And for young believers **all heresies and heretics should be shunned at all cost**, and from whatever source they are coming, be it organization or message believers. Heresies and heretics are tools of the devil to bring your soul into bondage to false doctrine and demon power. There's a spirit working behind heresies and those that propagate heresies which is not the true Christ spirit. It is the Antichrist spirit and has one purpose and that is to deceive your soul and take it into bondage. I would say especially for a young believer, **shun them at all cost.** You may greet them as a brother or a sister and shake their hands, but have no discussion at all, whatsoever on doctrine because you are not strong enough to withstand that antichrist spirit that is upon them. They may be your brothers and sisters who are deceived under such false doctrine, but you are not able to deliver them. To try to deliver them you put your soul at risk. You leave it up to them that when they come in contact with truth and it exposes their heresy that they manifest whether they are genuine believer of this message or not.

Now older believers who are more grounded on the solid truth and recognizes these projections of thunders to be false and of Satan, your job is to withstand these propagators of false thunders. Don't be mini-mouthed, be militant against their errors. And as Jude said, Contend, do battle for the faith that was restored to us today by Malachi 4:5. Don't just body up with them because they are believers of the Message, **they have an Antichrist spirit upon them** that wants to jump on you. You must see these false thunders along with all other heretics and heresies as the Nicolaitan spirit spoken of in Revelation 2:6, which has one ambition and that is to conquer the church. Back in the Ephesian age, although they recognized the Nicolaitan spirit to be antichrist, they tried false apostles by the doctrines of the apostles and the Word of God and found them to be liars. They could not bear them and they recognized them to be evil. But as time went along they failed, because they became less militant and were not militant enough against that Nicolaitan spirit. Soon they began to tolerate and cater to them. "Should we attend their meetings seeing they also believe the message?" My answer to that question is No. Otherwise, you can find yourself making the same mistake as believers in that Ephesian age. And for your soul safety stay behind the defense of the pure Word of God, don't venture out like Eve.

Now many people refer to those false thunder ministers as believers of the message of Malachi 4. My question is, Just how much of the Message do they believe? **You see Satan believes a whole lot of this Bible but he can't take all the Word, and none of us will call Satan a believer of the Word so we could go and have fellowship with him.** Once a man proves himself to be projecting false doctrines and heresies you got to recognize the spirit upon that person. He might be a nice person, he might be a nice brother but that spirit upon him is an Antichrist spirit, and has one motive and ambition which is to conquer you and bring you under bondage. That person might be a child of God but you are not in a place to go and try to deliver them. You are not strong enough; it will take something more powerful than you have to be able to deliver that person. According to the Word of God they are perverters of the message and by their damnable heresies they have put many lovely **believers behind ten-inch thick bars** of interpretations around the world today. So we will wage war against all false thunder projectors, all false thunder ministries who are projecting these errors on the Word of God and these heresies. We're not against the brothers, we're against what they are preaching, and we're against what they are projecting. Whether they recognize it or not, they are doing exactly what the serpent did in the Garden of Eden; giving the original message just a little twist, adding something to the message that the messenger did not say. The serpent added one word NOT and it brought about the fall. Today they are adding a lot of these interpretations to the message and they are causing too many people to be put behind these bars of interpretation.

How did the apostles treat heretics in their day? Peter exposed them as heretics, false prophets and false teachers.

*"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be **as there shall be, prophesying of our day** false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall*

*they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not." (2 Peter 2:1-).*

Now these are not people that played with words. The Apostle Peter gave a clear stand concerning heresies.

*"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. **If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.**" (2 John 1:4-11).*

John was making a stand. Not because you say, 'Love one another' it means that you can buddy-up with people who are propagating false doctrines and heresies.

### **YOU ARE NOT SAYING WHAT PAUL SAID. YOU ARE, THEREFORE, FALSE**

**Quote:** 83 *"Those Ephesians knew that Word as Paul had taught it. They were full of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of Paul's hands. **They looked those false apostles in the eye and said, "You are not saying what Paul said. You are, therefore, false."** Oh, that sets my heart on fire. Get back to the Word!"* (Church.Age.Book.Cpt.3).

### **THE ORIGINAL TRICK OF SATAN-HE JUST ADDED ON LITTLE WORD**

**Quote:** 85-1 *"It is the changing of even just ONE word by taking away or adding to it. **It is the original trick of Satan** in the Garden of Eden. He just added one little word to what God had said. That did it. It brought death and destruction. And in Ephesus, it was just the same. Just a word added, just a word taken away, and the anti-Word, antichrist spirit began to flourish... **But fear not little flock. Stay with the Word. Keep that Word between you and the devil. Eve did not do that and she failed. And when the church lets down on the Word she goes into the depths of the darkness of Satan.**"* (Ephesian Church Age).

That is a warning from the prophet of God, that **we do not compromise with anybody that is twisting this Word of God** because we recognize that is a move of the Devil to take you to the depths of Satan. And if you want to find out what is the depths of Satan, the Nicolaitan church, the Ephesian age ended up as the Roman Catholic Church; that's the depths of Satan.

**Quote:** 93-1 *See how it started out in the early church. It was called deeds. Then it became a doctrine. It became the standard. **It became the unbending way...***(Ephesian.Church.Age).

Notice something about false thunders and heresies. Even though you have proved them wrong, even though enough Word has gone out, even though enough books on heresies has gone out declaring and showing these people where they have gone off the Word of God, **they have become an unbending way...**

**Quote:** "...It finally took over and God was pushed aside. Oh, it started so small, so quietly, so inoffensively. It looked so good. It seemed so sound. Then it caught a hold, and like a python, it squeezed out the very breath and killed all the spirituality there was in the church. Oh, that false vine is subtle. **It is like an angel of light until it gets a hold on you.**" (Ephesian Church Age).

I believe that anybody hearing the words of the prophet will realize and understand why God servant and this ministry take the stand we take against heresies and heretics and propagation of false doctrine around this end-time Message. **This is not a new trick of Satan, this is his original trick and the Seals have been opened today to open our eyes unto this trick of the Devil that we be not deceived.**

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**Question#267:**"If all the churches are running under the heresies in our area what must I do? Should I remain at home or should I continue to attend in the same church where there is heresy?"

**Answer:**You can see the predicament of some people. This person is saying that the church that they've been attending and all the other churches in that area have come under these heresies one way or the other. So should he or she continue to attend this heresy church? **The answer is NO! because you can't have fellowship there.** How can two walk together except they be agreed? You can't grow spiritually there because there's no food to feed your soul. Your soul is in danger of being deceived and coming under bondage. And if you are an eagle you need carcass, you need freshly killed meat, you can't stomach carrion, dead rotting flesh. Every heresy is carrion, and I make no apology. Every single heresy around the message of the hour, around the Bible, around in organization is carrion, is dead rotting flesh; and no eagle, no true child of God can stomach that.

Wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered. You will be like that eagle in the barnyard, you're uncomfortable, you can't stand it. Something in you don't belong there, something in you is yearning, it is crying for that meat with blood in it - The living Word of God, Holy Ghost anointed preaching, the flesh and the blood of the Son of Man revealed; that is what you want, that is what you were born for. And so to find that you may have to journey out of your area, you may have to attend services away from home, and travel maybe many hundreds of miles. Perhaps you may be able to only go to church once a week or once a month but you are better of that way. Once you find that pure Word of God, once you find that carcass the full body revealed Word of God that truth; you'll be far better than staying under heresy. I don't care how close they are to you, how near they are to you, how

convenient that is to you; if you are an eagle you cannot stomach it. You see you'll have to 'get up and get' because as much as possible, you should not remain at home.

You want to fulfill Hebrews 10:25?

*"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching".*

**You've got to get up and start searching, your soul is at stake. If you remain under that heresy church you'll never be prepared for the Rapture** and you'll never be prepared for the Outpouring. You've got to beg God, you got to pray, and you got to seek God to lead you to that place. You may have to remain home sometimes for long periods. But I want to tell you, if I were you I'll try to find such a church. Search on the net, search the web, and you will find that there are at this point in time, messages and doctrines of the truth that are being propagated. And I don't have to make a boast, but we know that we have the truth of God's word, we know that we have the carcass of the hour; and our messages are available if you want them.

Because you recognized that you have written to the man of God asking these questions. You recognized that there is somebody who knows about the Word of God more than you. So I would say let him feed your soul the pure Word of God and try to secure as many recorded messages from such a ministry as you possibly can. Try to get your family together and listen to tapes that you might grow and be guided thereby. Keep on praying that the Lord will make a way for you to be able to attend a similar church somewhere, that is preaching the truth on the Message of the hour, either by God sending such a minister your way or you migrating to another part of your country for the Word of God sake. Many people have done that? Amongst us have those who came from different places for the Word of God sake, from different parts of the country, they left churches closer to them because they wanted truth. When you find truth there is a price that you will have to pay for it. If you want something genuine then God requires you to pay a price. And whatever it costs you, I will say, pay that price and God will bless you for it. **But at all cost, cut ties with all heresies for your soul sake and for your family's soul sake.** You need to sit under the Word of God because you cannot be prepared for the Rapture under heresy.

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**Question#268:**"I regularly go for fellowship in one of the churches in Bombay. But there is no church having a good pastor. They are heretics or corruptible and money lovers. What must I do?"

**Answer:**You are correct; if you continue to go to such churches you'll become lukewarm if there is no spirit there. I suggest that you may have to search for a genuine church, even if it means going out of your area to find such a church. You

may not be able to attend services as often as you wish but at least you will have a place where you can feel comfortable to serve the Lord and grow spiritually. Try to secure some recorded sermons of the prophet and other true servants of God whom you trust and listen to their preaching. Continue to pray to God that he make a way, and that he lead you to such a church or a pastor. You may choose to migrate to such a place after close examination of his teaching. Spend time reading your Bible, praying. Seek God and he will lead you, he will make a way for you, as he has done for many others around the world who at one time was in such a situation.

If you hunger and thirst after righteousness you shall be filled. Many people who are here tonight and follow this Message today, while in Organization were crying to God. 'God is there not a man somewhere with the truth'. 'Don't you have a servant of God somewhere who is preaching the truth?' And they prayed that prayer with sincerity of heart, and suddenly, God brought them to a servant of God that we have here who is preaching such truth. And one sure thing, when you come to that servant of God, there'll be a witnessing of the Holy Ghost of that truth.

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**Question#269:**

**Heretical Article No. 193:**

"Some parents beat their children when they give over to the Word and pastor, blame them as being fanatics and keep them away from church. Is this right?"

**Answer:** This could never be right. Why would a parent do that, when they see their children yielding to the Word of God and worshiping and always talking about the word of God, always listening to the tapes of Brother Branham, always reading the Bible, and consider them to be fanatics? On top of that, hold them in a smart way and keep them away from the House of God, and keep them away from the pastor; why is that? That's a very simple question: even because **that parent doesn't believe, they are not convinced of the truth**, that person, that Mother, that Father, whoever they are, **they are in the natural**. And the natural mind cannot understand the spiritual mind. The Lord is giving to that young man or young woman a spiritual mind and it is so far advanced than the natural, carnal mind that is in this parent that they assess that to be fanaticism, cultish and to be going overboard. Do you catch what I mean? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] The carnal mind is a deadly enemy to the spiritual mind, (I am quoting Romans 8:5-8); and they cannot agree. They have two different visions here, two different beliefs here. So now, this parent beats these children when they give over to the Word. In other words, parent wants to guide these children according to their carnal mind. They don't want to get them too attached to the pastor, too attached to the church and too attached to religion. It goes to show that they don't believe. So this is an evident manifestation of unbelief.

**Some parents cannot stand to know that their children or their wife have more confidence in another man than them, even because their minds are carnal and they cannot divide the natural from the spiritual.** One is natural and one is spiritual. You have confidence in your husband as a natural man, as a natural

husband, but then you have confidence in your Shepherd in breaking down the Word of God for your spiritual life. So the carnal mind cannot understand that.

This carnal mind is going to say, "Every day you have to go to the office, everyday you have to speak to the pastor, look how nice you talk to him when you meet him?" That carnal fellow isn't understanding that one is natural, and the other is spiritual, one is carnal and one is spiritual. "I give you your place as a husband, but I don't have confidence in you to lead me to eternal life, because both of us come from Sodom together. Not only that, but, I know some things about you, and I know that you haven't changed very much. You hide and do things in the house here."

So now, this man or this woman, whoever they are, are trying to win the confidence in their children as spiritual, and it can't work. What is the matter with these parents? **Their problem is that they are carnal, not born again, out of the Spirit, and they are still checking out the Word of God.** They don't believe yet. So because they are not sure about the message of Brother Branham that they are hearing, is why they don't want their children to get too involved, because 'it may turn out wrong.' Do you see that? How many caught that? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*]

If you believe this Word of God, you want all your children to be deeply involved, "hook, line and sinker" in that Word of God. So it's an unbeliever, a skeptic of the Word who deals with their children in that way and don't want their children, their wife or their husband to loosen up to the Word of God, because they are not sure about what they are hearing, and they are testing out the thing still.

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**Question#270:**"A woman who has plenty dollars, sends her son to work where no church believes the message; is this a money spirit? After years she is trying to prove the message."

**Answer:**Yes my brother, if she has plenty dollars and will take her son, and sacrifice the soul of her son and send him away from the Word of God to work for money, after she has enough money, then **something is wrong with that soul**, and the simple answer is that **money has blinded her eyes**, as it blinded Balaam's eyes, and as it blinded Judas' eyes. That money could be a block in your heart that you cannot receive revelation. Materialism could be a block in your heart that you cannot hear the Word of God and cannot give over your spirit to the Word of God. I am telling you the truth. A block of materialism, wealth, riches. Did you see what it did to the rich young ruler? Do you know what blocked his heart? Riches. Jesus tried to remove the block and He couldn't. God manifested in human flesh came down and tried to remove that block.

Some people love money more than their own soul, more than their wife's soul, their children's souls, and they will go after that money until they die and leave all to the government. It's not that a man don't have enough to survive upon. It's greed. This woman has a greedy, money loving spirit, to sacrifice her teenage son's soul and

send him away from the Word of God to work for money, and she isn't saved as yet. She's not born again and does not have the Holy Spirit. The Bible says, "With contentment is great gain", and let us be contented. The Bible said that if you have food, raiment, and you have these little necessities of life, let us be contented therewith.

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**Question#271:**"Please help me to identify a spirit? A man let his son talk to me and he hid in a room to hear how I will answer a question about certain things that he disagreed with from the pulpit. I look at the son as a hypocrite, am I wrong?"

**Answer:**No I do not believe that you are wrong pastor. If a man is a man, a brother seeking after life and he thinks that something was said wrong from the pulpit, I believe that he must be man enough to come to you as a shepherd and say, "Pastor, the way that was said, I disagree with it", and ask for an explanation. But this is not the case here. This man setup his son, while he hid in the bedroom. I assume that he invited the pastor over and asked his son to ask the controversial question that they disagree on, and he would not come out and say, "My father sent me to ask you this question", but said, "Pastor, you said so and so, and I really want to find out how you said that? I am really seeking the Lord for an explanation. I didn't understand you properly." The father was locked up in the bedroom, I will say, like a woman, and was listening to the conversation. So these two people are **like Ananias and Sapphira**, and they agreed together to deceive the pastor, and that is not Christian-like. This minister, from that time, he looked at that son as a hypocrite; and indeed he is a hypocrite.

Anybody who sets traps for their shepherd, for a brother, a sister or a deacon who is standing, and who with all good intention tries to preach the Word of God to them, and will **set traps and snares to stumble the man of God, is a hypocrite**, and if you remember, **that is a Pharisee spirit**. So that Pharisee devised questions very smoothly and nicely as if they wanted to learn, and then they sent men unto Jesus and said, "Good master...", pastor, "...shall we pay taxes to that wicked man called Caesar?" Jesus said, "Ye hypocrites!" He knew those play actors. "You hypocrite! You're play acting, and you want to find out if you should pay taxes?" But Jesus discerned that they had a trap set for him, and He said, *"Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."* (Matthew 22: 19-21). Oh yes! So he shut their mouths. And many other times in the scriptures they set traps for the Lord, and they came one time to him and said, "There was a woman who married seven men, one after the next, and all died. Whose wife is she going to be in the new world?", and many other traps. And the Bible said that he answered all their questions and they came to Him no more.

So now, you have people like that still alive. **The Pharisees are dead but the spirit of the Pharisees is in religious people**. Remember one time they set a trap for

Brother Branham, three hundred and fifty ministers, and the Holy Spirit revealed it to him, and he exposed all of them. So there are people in the congregation who set traps for the ministers and they appear to be genuinely seeking advice, and help and seeking a loan, and then they go out and tell everybody how mean the pastor is, "he did not help me to buy that motorcar or give me a loan", and all such things. I cannot disagree with this brother who thinks that this young man is a hypocrite. Here is the unbelief of the father, and the father anointed the young fellow with that unbelief to set a trap for the man of God. If his father knew where he was standing he would approach the man of God. Yes. That's a dead hypocrite.

One time I was speaking to a man. I knew he had a long tongue wife who always pries into his business and he is a figurehead man. Everything he done he had to ask his wife to sanction it. So I was talking to him on the phone and the Holy Spirit revealed unto me that the woman was on an extension phone listening. So I spared my words. I wanted to prove what the Holy Spirit revealed unto me so I kept on talking to him and sparing my words. I said, "Okay, I'll see you. Bye." He could not put down the phone; he wanted me to hang up first. So I said, "Okay." He was waiting for me to put down the phone. He said, "Okay, bye." But I was not hanging up at all. He said, "Bye." I said, "Bye." He got so tired until he put down the phone, but I am waiting to hear the extension phone put down. So I waited and I heard, "Clack, clat" He hung up and then a next phone hung up "Clack, clack." I said, "His wife was on that extension phone." So you have these kinds of tricksters.

**Beloved, if unbelief is coming on your father, don't let the devil anoint you**, if unbelief is coming upon your wife, don't let that unbelief anoint you as her husband, if unbelief is coming upon your parents, don't let that devil anoint you through them, and plan tricks for the servant of God. **It is a terrible thing to try to deceive a servant of God.** Read in the scriptures and you will see what happened to people who tried to deceive the servants of God. Do you remember the case of Gehazi? Gehazi ran after Naaman to collect money and he came back "And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither. And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? **Is it a time to receive money**, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants? The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever." (2 Kings 5: 25-27), and the curses of the lord came upon Gehazi immediately and **he went out of Elijah's presence white as snow**; Anytime they talk about leprous white as snow it means that it is in its full and worst stage. **So you don't ever try to deceive anybody and much more a servant of God.**

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**Question#272:**

**Heretical Article No. 194:**

"This same man preaches to his family after each service, showing them the flaws in each message, but he believes the message. Why?"

**Answer:** Now, **something is wrong with the discernment of this pastor.** If a man believes the message he cannot act like an unbeliever to the Word of God. This is what is happening around the message worldwide, **people bear fruits that identify them as unbelievers** in the Word of God, and **they pass it off as just a little mistake.** This is where the great mistake is laying, that they cannot discern the devil. Anytime you see a man start spewing unbelief from his mouth, it's a terrible thing. Anytime he sets traps to catch you in your words, that is a Pharisee spirit. And anytime a man will speak evil of the message after it is preached, and starts showing the faults, flaws and all that goes with it, to discredit the minister and discredit the message, there is something wrong with his spirit. If he is man enough, he will come to the pastor and say, "You are wrong here; I have the Word of God and let me expose you." But he knows that he don't have the Word of God, therefore he has to work as a nicolaitan devil, as a white horse rider, as the serpent in the Garden of Eden in the absence of Adam and the absence of God. So he has got to **bring his unbelief and anoint people with his unbelief in the absence of the pastor** and without the pastor hearing. That is how you discern these demons.

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## DISMISSAL

**Question#273:** "Under what condition is a member dismissed and believers should not fellowship with them?"

**Answer::** Very simple. If they commit sin and they refuse to repent, they are given a space of time (seven days, to thirty days) to repent, and if they don't repent they go out of the church until they could make that right. That is scriptural order.

*"To **deliver such an one unto Satan** for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? **Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump... Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.**" (1 Corinthians 5: 5-7, 13).*

Some people might make a fuss and say that Jesus said to show love. Hear what Jesus said. You think he was some kind of sweetbread preacher? Jesus said, *"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone... But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."* (Matthew 18:15-18). **He is loosed from under the blood**, he is put out of the church. And hear what Jesus said, **"let**

**him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."** From that time on that he don't listen to the church, he is a heathen and he is a publican.

How do you treat a publican and heathen? You don't have any fellowship with them. "Hello." "Right." "How are you doing? The Lord bless you." "Right. Amen." Yes! That is Jesus' doctrine, anybody that is dismissed from the House of God, refuse to hear the Word of God and refuse to be corrected, then **they are dismissed and you have no right to fellowship with them.**

*"And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, **note that man, and have no company with him**, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother." (1 Thessalonians 3:14-15).*

If they tell you good morning, say, "Good morning." "Hello, how are you?" "I am fine and holding on with the Lord." You aren't going to fight in public if he says. "I have some things to talk over with you." say "The only business that I have to talk over with you is repentance; nothing more. If you want to repent, I could make the appointment and tell the pastor that you want to repent." Buddy up, fellowship, eat, and drink? We have nothing to do with that.

Anybody that does those things, after a man is dismissed from the House of God, is a **dead hypocrite.** **Jesus said to consider them as a heathen or a publican.** That settles it for me. Oh yes! However, there are different middle lines to it. So those are the conditions under which they are dismissed. (1 Corinthians 5:5-13 & Matthew 18:15-18).

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**Question#274:**"If a brother is absent from church whose duty is it to go after him?"

**Answer:**We assume that this question refers to a situation in which the brother has discontinued attending services and not merely an absence of one or two services because of sickness or of being away on a trip. We also must assume that the person has not left the assembly because he is an heretic according to (1 John 2:19).

The children of God are likened unto sheep. Sheep must be led. They must be cared for when they are sick or injured; and they must have someone to go and bring them back if they go astray or become lost. A true shepherd is qualified to handle these responsibilities through training and experience and through the spirit that is in him. Brother Branham had much to say about sheep and the shepherds that are to care for them. He said:

**Quote:** *"As long as God's got a sheep, God's got a Shepherd to lead that sheep. How happy we should be; God's sheep led by God's Shepherd." (The Good Shepherd of the Sheep, 57-0308, Par. E-15)*

**Quote:** *"If you ever seen anything helpless, is to get a sheep lost. When a sheep's lost, he just simply can't find his way, that's all. He will just stand right there and bleat till the coyotes get him or something; he's just lost. He's helpless. And that's the way a man is. When you're lost, Brother, I don't care how much reforming you try to do, **you're absolutely helpless until the Shepherd come get you.** You can't save yourself." (God's Provided Way, 53-1201, Par. E-20)*

The prophet, Isaiah, said, *"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way." (Isaiah 53:6)*

Jesus said, *"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep." (John 10:11-12).*

What are the duties of a shepherd? A good shepherd must have the welfare of his sheep before him at all times. He must be ever watchful for enemies that try to attack the sheep and defend the sheep from such attackers and must be willing to face great dangers confronting the enemy. The shepherd, David, it will be recalled, was diligent in caring for and protecting his sheep and was able to kill a lion and a bear using only a sling. He must bind up and treat the wounded and sick sheep; he must search for and bring back any lost or trapped sheep; and he must love them and earn their trust by sharing their lives. (Greek Lexicon of Strong's Concordance)

**Quote:** *"The shepherd can't afford to lose the sheep. That's the reason, you backslider tonight, He's still hanging around your heart, trying to draw you back to the fold... you backslid and went out there and got all butchered up and wounded up in your spirit. But He still holds around you all the time, 'Come on back, wandering sheep. I just can't afford to let you be lost.' Maybe the little sheep that He had to go way out on the mountain to find, all through the place, maybe you're that sheep tonight, laying out there wounded somewhere. But the shepherd can't afford to lose one sheep." (Shepherd of the Sheepfold, 56-0403, Par. E-39)*

**Quote:** *"The lamb doesn't have any great minds of its own. A lamb is one thing, when it's lost, it's hopelessly lost. A sheep can't find its way back. That's the reason the goat leads it to its death. It can't find its way, a sheep that's lost. That's the reason God likened us unto sheep. When we're lost, we are lost. There's no way we could find ourself. And there's only one way to do it; that's submit ourselves to the Shepherd of the flock and He does the leading. (The Church and Its Condition, 56-0805, Par. 39)*

Jesus said, *"What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders rejoicing." (Luke 15:4-5).*

**Quote:** *"So minister brothers, I'm sure with you this morning. I'm trying to hunt out that last sheep. When the last one comes in, then the Shepherd will close the door." (Easter Seal, 65-0410, Par. 2-3) (I Peter 5:1-4)*

I think it is clear that it is the duty of the pastor, the shepherd of the local assembly, to go and bring back to fellowship a brother that has gone astray. If the congregation be large and it is not possible for the pastor to personally go out and restore those

who have become entrapped and separated, then there should be trained elder ministers who have the spiritual welfare of the people at heart who can go and bring back those who have erred or grown cold.

There could be a situation in which a Christian, for some reason, has decided not to serve the Lord. Brother Branham told of such a person in a sermon on "Hebrews Chapter 6" (57-0908E, Par 239-467 to 240-477).

**Quote:** *"He started going down. He got sick. See? God couldn't speak to him. I warned him. I done everything I could. Brother S\_\_\_\_\_ went to him and warned him. Everybody tried to do everything they could for him. Still he just shook his head. What happened? He took sick and died. That showed that he was a saved man. If God could not make him-bring him in obedience, He'll have to take him out of the earth and bring him home. That's exactly what the Bible said. That's what the Bible promises. If you won't stand correction, you've got to come on home. So God cannot lose you after He's saved you, but He can shorten your days here and make you pay for every sin you've done. So if you sin, you're going to have to pay for what you've done. Just remember that." ( Hebrews chapter 6 57-0908E).*

We won't go any further. Let us all stand.

## **OVERSEAS MONEY SCHEMES, BREAD AND FISH DISCIPLES**

**Question#275:** "Some pretend to believe the truth of the message and exposition books for money tricks in translation and printing; are you aware of such thieves or not?"

**Answer:** **Yes my brother, I am aware of such thieves.** I have tried them and found them liars, and I have already **devised certain plans to catch them** as we go along with the Lord's work. So, if you don't understand this question: now you get a place like India with more than one billion people, and you get a place like Africa with how many million people, where everybody fight for survival, cannot get a job and it is a common thing for a doctor to do be doing some labouring to take care of his family. It's a different system from what you and I are accustomed to. You could think of every trick in the book and all kinds of schemes that a man will try to workup in order for survival, so it's the survival of the fittest. So every opportunity a man gets to feed his family that is living on the streets or living in an eight by eight little house, and everybody is in there, he will try to grab at every opportunity. So you will have all kinds of schemes in religious circles, political circles and everything, rising in order to live, so you have got to know how to deal with these people, by God's grace.

In Africa, India, Philippines and several other places, those people are very much poverty stricken, so if they see that they can make some money through pretending to be a Christian, they would embrace that; if they think that they could open a little church, have four people in there and call themselves pastors, in order to get support

from overseas, they will do that. If they see a religious book or magazine circulating, some of them write the authors right away and say, "I believe, and I want to work with you.", whether those books contain lies, or truth, he is not concerned with that, **but he wants to belong to a religion to feed his family, so you got to look out for these kind of things.**

There are people who don't have any churches, and they have letter heads with church names, and declare themselves pastors and have no members and don't know anything about Christianity, who write to all these big fellows around the world and fool them, and they think that they really found a believer, and I heard some of those stories. One fellow sent twenty five thousand US dollars to translate and print, and he never seen that fellow again. So while you are doing these things, you have got to watch what you are doing too. You could be dealing with a crook from Nigeria. Nigeria is full of crooks. Over one hundred million people, and some of the biggest crooks are in Nigeria. You talk about educated, you talk about a silver tongue that they have. They have six hundred churches, and some of them have only five or twelve members, and you got to work with them. **It's a big job in seeking out the sincere, and the honest in heart who really wants the Word of God.**

You find when a hundred letters come, I got to examine them carefully, pray over them, watch it, write back the man, find out his motives and find out his objectives. I have a little plan to find the genuine from the crook, and that is, as long as I could find one genuine man who proves himself to be genuine, then I refer all those letters to him and I say, "Now you know the people in your country, you know the thieves, the vagabonds and the genuine." "Do you know Tom, Dick and Harry?" And this genuine man is going to tell me: "Yes, Tom is a thief, and Harry is Trouble, and Dick has a little sincerity in him." I say, "Now, you are down there and I am up here. I want you to deal with your countrymen. They called and ask for money, they want to translate and they want to do all kinds of things. Try to deal with them." So then, he will sift them out, write them letters, ask them this, ask them that, and he will declare to me that, "he is a crook", or that, he is a sincere man; we could work with him. We have some thing in place. So my brother, thank you for your information. I have these thieves and crooks marked, and we are going to deal with them. I don't release confidence and money quickly. I wait and watch everything, because more are the children of the desolate, than the children of the married wife

There are people who will write and say, "I want to translate", one says, "I want to print for you", another says, "I want to distribute, but you have to send so much money, because it costs so much money in the customs." I found out that it don't cost one penny in that state. I say, "You are a thief". And then, everybody wants to build a church and buy a motor car. As far as they are concerned, **in their minds, everybody is rich in the western world**, and all that they have to do is write a letter and tell you to buy a motor car, build a church and pay their way to Trinidad, "they want to come for the seals. I have to let them know **I am a poor man, and all my money is going to the books and the publication**, and we are a very small enterprise, which is the truth, and if the Lord lays it upon the heart of some member to give you twenty US dollars, then I will surely get it to you, but we are not that kind of people supporting missionary work and supporting people on the evangelical field. We have one mission and that is to print and send the Word of God through literature, and our money is always exhausted. **We are poor people like anybody**

**else.** They cannot get that out of their minds that every body in the west are rich people. If one of those persons in whom I have placed confidence prove to be deceptive and greedy of money like Judas, then Satan can have a great advantage against the Lord's work. My spiritual assessment and discernment of their motives and objectives can fail, but such a deceiver shall receive their reward of a hypocrite, even like Judas who was eternally lost.

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**Question#276:**"Please separate bread and fish disciples from needy saints; I am confused?"

**Answer:**We have bread and fish disciples in religious circles and we are very familiar with this story. Jesus broke the loaves and the fishes and fed a multitude of people, then he went away and traveled on a boat, and they traveled on foot, and came across there by the thousands. A next preacher would think that he won five thousand or ten thousand church members, but Jesus had discernment. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that the crowd that were following him, something was wrong, and he said, "You are not following me because of the Word of God, but because of the bread and the fishes that you ate." Those are bread and fish disciples.

There are people who follow the message and the Word of God for different natural reasons. They follow for a woman. They want a church woman, some want a church man, some want help from a church, and some look for identification. I went to a doctor one time, he was an old Chinese. I said, "Doctor, are you a Christian?" He said, "**I am a Christian for convenience sake**, but my religion is an eastern religion. I came from the east and I believe in my Chinese religion, and I am a Christian for convenience sake." That man spoke the truth, and he was a catholic. When you become a catholic, you have a lot of powers. The priest speaks up for you. But then I turned back and said, "Doctor, you said that you belong to an eastern religion." "Christianity belongs to the east. It started in the east." Boy, that doctor got so stupid, he did not know what to say. He had to get rid of me quickly from inside of that office. I said, and a little while after that fellow died. You don't use Christianity for convenience sake. You better look well into your Bible and know that Christ died on Calvary for your salvation.

Bread and fish disciples belong to Christ for convenience sake, and there will be a lot of regrets at the judgment bar. If you seek something natural, it will block your ear from hearing the Word, because your mind is so much upon the natural things that you are seeking: a woman, a man, money, identification with a certain group or a certain church.

**There are different purposes, and how do you divide these bread and fish disciples? The bread and fish disciple, his motives and objectives are not after the word of God.** *Jesus said, "You did not follow me for the word. Labor not for the natural bread, but labor for the bread of life that came down from heaven."* You ought to labor for the heavenly bread. The people who are insincere and are termed bread

and fish disciples, they actually labor, not for eternal life, but they are seeking the natural. So the bread and fish is a natural type, poor and needy saints you will always have them, Jesus said, "*The poor you will always have with you.*" So, as long as the world continues you will have poor and needy saints; genuinely poor like Lazarus. He was not a bread and fish disciple, he was a genuine believer. So the **difference between a bread and fish disciple** and poor and needy saints is that. "the poor gladly heard the gospel" their desires are eternal life. The Lord will allow the poor to be amongst us, and in this world, in order to exercise our bowels of mercy and compassion. So, you will have poor, needy and distressed brothers, and we ought to open up our bowels of mercy and compassion, and not because of our hardness of heart that you classify a brother or a sister as a bread and fish disciple, or because they have to ask a favor of you a couple times for the week, or a couple times for the month. We ought to appreciate our brothers and sisters and the value of a soul must not be measured in dollars and cents. No! You look beyond that. The poor and needy is in a different class. There are a lot of poor brethren in Africa, India, the Caribbean, South America and in the Philippines. They are so thankful and happy when you send to them just twenty dollars.

I sent a man a small donation. He wrote back and he doesn't have lips enough to thank the Lord for the donors, and said, "Brother, I bought shoes for my family, I fed my family, and several things that they needed; thank God for the saints in Bethel." Bread and fish disciples are different all entirely. So to place it in it's right category, bread and fish disciples are placed into the category of people seeking the natural things of life, not only food and drink. They seek blessings: motor cars, houses, lands, wife, husband, or whatever natural, is classified as **bread and fish disciples**. **People who are poor and needy and are saints of God**, they look up unto the Lord, and cry to him, for the Lord to supply their needs. **They don't go around actually begging**; they don't go and be a burden upon people. **The best way for a needy or poor person to act**, is to pray to the Lord and say, "Lord, I am hungry, I'm famished, I want clothing, I want shelter, I want food." Pray to your heavenly father who looks upon the sparrow and feeds the sparrow, and after you finish pray genuinely, then express your needs to your brethren. Don't beg them, because everybody are not brethren, everybody don't have bowels of compassion and mercy, so you don't go and say, "Brother, give me a dollar, or brother give me ten dollars." You let them know, "Brother, I am in need. I don't have food today for my children, please pray for me." Ask them to pray. If the Lord touches their heart, and if that is a Christian, he cannot know that you are hungry and your children will be starving today, and not try to help. And if he doesn't give that lending and helping hand, walk away from him and go to a next brother. It will save you a lot of insults, and you **may even be asked to do a favor that is immoral**. There is plenty evil and wickedness in the hearts of men, that if they do a favor to you, they think that you owe them something. They will make you pay with your bodies young ladies. That is why I don't believe in young women or wives asking for favors from each and every body. Let your husband go and do that asking. That is sound teaching I am giving you.

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**Question#277:**

**Heretical Article No. 195:**

"My doormen are quarrelsome, talk when singing and praying is going on, they are full of pride, and visitors are offended and leave; what to do with them?"

**Answer:** "Now brethren, a **doorman is a very important person** in the House of God, and Brother David said, "I would rather be a doorkeeper in the House of God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." Why is this doorman so important in the House of God? **That doorman is the first person that you will meet at the front door** and even a stranger. If he does not have the right Christian spirit and he treats a visitor in the wrong way, **that is the impression that the visitor will have of the whole church**, for the minister, for every person. If that doorman is a hog and don't know how to speak to people, then that's the message he will convey to the visitor. In this case, visitors leave when they come, they stomp out because this doorman is full of pride. When you stand at the door and you have to show a person where to sit, and where not to sit, if you don't have the right Christian spirit you could become **proud and act like a boss** instead of acting like a humble servant of God. This doorman must have the right personality, he must be a humble man, very courteous, very mannerly, very polite and full of Christian virtues, otherwise he cannot fill the post of a doorman.

Some people, you give them a little something to do in the House of God and they think that they are soldiers, think that they are in the military or the army or somewhere, so people come by the door and they say, "Yes, who are you and what is your name?" Now that is not church affairs, that is police affairs. You ask a man his name, and where he is from, and for his ID card and things like that. This is the House of God. When a man walks into the House of God, he is expecting to meet different people, he is expecting to meet righteous people, holy people, friendly people, nice people, and the doorman has got to be a polite man and very courteous, that even though somebody comes and sit in the wrong place he must have something in place to take care of that. Then the person whose seat is occupied must have a Christian spirit, that if you come in and see a stranger sitting on your seat, be polite enough to stand up. It's a soul you are trying to win. You shouldn't come and stand over your seat and say, "Who put him here?" Is that all the consideration you have for a soul? I would be very surprised of a believer who has only that consideration for a soul.

If I find somebody on my seat on my family seats, even though they are believers who come here for years, I would not be so proud as to come and stand up in the service and say, "What are you doing on my seat?" No, I would find somewhere else; I will sit outside on a bench. That's my brother, that's my sister. There is some reason why they are sitting there. Maybe they are sick, maybe they are confused, maybe the Lord is trying my spirit. I got to humble myself. **Any doorman like that, my pastor brother, give him one or two warning, call him into a council, speak to him and if he don't know what is required of a doorman, then teach him, and if he will practice that, kick him out from such an office. While you are trying to win a soul here, he is killing people by the door.**

When you give certain people little offices, while you are praying and trusting the Lord, singing and crying to the Lord, and they have the liberty to walk up and down, **they begin to think they are bosses.** People **start thinking that they have some kind of authority above the congregation**, you find them gathered together, while

singing and praying is going on, and keep talking. And **I want to say that I found that problem here at Bethel**, and it must stop! People from the back complained that while they are praying, singing and these doormen gather together and speak loudly. That is not your place, and I say again you are not bosses, you are servants! You may be talking about seating, you may be fixing your plans, but, you need to, go to a private place where you cannot disturb anybody in the House of God from praying, fix your business and come back.

And those kinds of taxi talk after you are finished parking cars, fellows talking loudly in the car park among you need to stop that. And I want that to stop here at Bethel this evening; you have no business doing that. From the time that music starts here, you have no business to interrupt anybody. You need to go aside, talk your business, come back there and continue to pray too with your eyes open. Keep your business on your mind, say your prayers, sing and worship the Lord. But what I think is happening is some **pride involved**.

I received reports, for months. This isn't a place for that. Wherever you are, be reverent. Go and talk your taxi talk elsewhere, talk politics elsewhere; **this is the House of God. You need to be reverent in the House of God**. If you, as an officer, will disturb a member, what do you leave for other believers to do? **You ought to set the right example**, any officer who is disturbing in the back there, I want you to bring a report to me, I want the officer's name, I want to know the group of them, and they will have come up right up here behind the pulpit and say why they are doing that. Yes sir! And **let this correction be exported too**. Bethel is not no hundred percent perfect. Bethel is not any better than anybody. We have our faults and let this stand there as a witness. What to do with them?" **Kick out everyone of them that would not obey. That's the only solution**, and to do that, pastor, you have got to have stamina. If you are kind of wishy-washy pastor and afraid to lose members, you will allow that in the House of God. But in my case, **I will kick out all ten and preach to the benches if I have to preach to the benches**



**Bethel Electronic's Men**

# SUPERSTITIONS, WITCHCRAFT, EVIL SPIRITS, ASTROLOGY

**Question#278:**

**Heretical Article No. 196:**

"Some ministers and believers live in fear of witchcraft, and believe that it can harm them. We are in the midst of high idolatrous people and religions. Can they harm us?"

**Answer:**Witches are a great challenge to the ministry and church of Christ, if they are not fully equipped by the Spirit, Word and faith, through the Blood of Jesus Christ. Demons cried and went out of the demon possessed in the Presence of the Lord Jesus. He was fully equipped. They recognized authority and power by the Holy Ghost, and confessed that Paul and Jesus they know, but tore, wounded and stripped naked the seven sons of Sceva, and asked them, "Who are you". A young woman followed Paul and Silas for several days saying that they were servants of God. Paul, grieved by the cries of the maiden, cast out the spirit of the devil. **The early Apostles and believers were fully equipped against witches and witchcraft, and never lived in fear of such evils.** Phillip the evangelist went down to Samaria without fear of witchcraft and even the witch doctors. The entire city was bewitched by a notable sorcerer named Simon. He was subdued by the power of the Word and the Blood of Jesus Christ.

The people who follow the message of the prophet are a long way from such faith and power of the Holy Ghost. Thus, both ministers and believers are afraid and live in fear of witches and witchcraft. Some do not even understand the power of the blood and its protection, but **there was a man in the twentieth century who knew where he stood, and took up the challenge of many witches and prevailed over them.** He had the genuine article of Pentecost, the identical article of the apostles and prophets, "the fullness of God". He was sent as a sheaf-wave offering, a true seed of God that came to maturity in our age. His name is William Branham, a true manifested son of God. He took up the challenge of the witches in Germany and in different parts of Africa and fearlessly and victoriously prevailed against them

## **YOU CHILD OF THE DEVIL-THEY PACKED HIM OUT THAT NIGHT AS A CRIPPLE**

**Quote:** E-58 *"There set a medium, setting over there with his eye cast on me. He said,..."I'll call a storm out of the skies," and "I'll cause it to tear that place down." And the thunder was a roaring, the lightning a flashing as hard as it could...and he made his threat wrote it out... **That didn't matter to me what he said.** And when I seen the storm coming and people getting nervous and one constant roar of lightning after the other one like that, I looked around, and I seen where he was setting. I*

**said, "You child of the devil, you may be able to perform miracles, that's right...but you're afraid to touch the supernatural of God."... "Because you done this, you'll pay for it." They packed him out that night as a cripple. And...the storm cleared away, and she begin to shine out real pretty." (The Supernatural 56-0129).**

The reason that ministers and believers fear witches and their witchcrafts, is simply because they do not possess what the early church had: A five-fold ministry set in order and nine diverse gifts in operation. They seek a place to hide at the challenge of the witches. They know that they are not ready to go to the fields and pick up the challenge of sin, demonic power, sicknesses, and all the powers of Satan. It takes the Kingdom of God to cast out the kingdom of Satan. It is advisable to such people who fear the power of evil, through witchcraft, to first have a revelation of the Blood of Christ and its protection. **Great faith is lacking in the provisions of the cross, for the church, when ministers live in fear and dread of evil.** Psalms 23 must become alive to them as well as Psalms 91. *"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." (Psalms 23:4).*

Unbelief brings demons into people's lives, their homes and the church. When ministers fear and are dominated by unbelief, they will pass that spirit on to the congregation, because they draw their inspiration from them. Ministers who fear Satan, his agents and evil power, lack faith, revelation and the power of the Holy Ghost. They are not yet delivered from bondage of superstition and fear of the devil, and needless to say, that they are not yet ready to be missionaries and evangelists to heathen nations.

The anointing of fear, unbelief and lack of faith in the Blood is responsible for bringing to pass the evil spells of witchcraft upon Ministers and church members. If one will believe and continue to believe, that they are sick with some fatal disease, like cancer or heart problem etc., they will get sick. Yes, witchcraft can harm you if you are not under the Blood, witchcraft can harm you if you fear it, witchcraft can harm you if you lack faith, and it can harm you if you believe that it can. Whatsoever is done without faith is sin. All things are possible to them that believe. A child of God, minister or believer who stands steadfast in his heart by faith in the Blood of Christ is protected from every evil. Satan cannot touch him with witchcraft in any way, Nevertheless, he should not challenge such powers of the enemy until he knows where he is standing and should do so only by the command of God, even like when Elijah challenged Jezebel prophets and over-came them. That was the first show-down at Mt. Carmel. The last show-down will be at Mt. Zion, the bride of Christ versus the kingdom of Satan, before the rapture of the church. It comes by another outpouring of the Holy Spirit like the day of Pentecost.

## **MOUNT CARMEL; MOUNT TRANSFIGURATION, AND MOUNT ZION SHOWDOWN**

**171-1 "In these last days the true Bride Church (Christ's seed) will come to the Headstone, and she will be the super church, a super race, as she nears Him. They in the bride will be so much like Him that they will even be in His very image. This is in order to be united with Him. They will be one. They will be the very manifestation of the Word of the living God...Then in the latter rain will come a**

*Mount Carmel showdown...The first showdown was Mount Carmel; the second was the Mount Transfiguration, and the third will be Mount Zion." (Church Ages pg. 171-174).*

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**Question#279:**"Can the Hour of Birth determine my whole life, like it was with Brother Branham; either a good influence or a bad one will follow a person if they become a believer or not?"

**Answer:**This understanding seems to be based generally upon the experiences of Brother Branham's life, born under a certain sign, for a certain purpose and his success was to be in the west. According to the witch that made these things known to him on a bus, Brother Branham said that she was right. But if we notice carefully, Brother Branham asked her to predict the future of a soldier on the said bus, at the said time, and she was unable to do that. This proves that Brother Branham was in a different category; a predestinated prophet, and the stars were pointing out his ministry, not necessarily his everyday life, faults, failures, sins or bondage of wrong or right doing, because such things are determined by freewill, but the ministry was predestinated and written in the stars. We cannot use that as a standard for each person. Jesus was born at a certain time, April, when lambs are born. A star appeared in the heavens, the Magis (Astrologers) knew that the King of kings was born. The star pointed out his ministry on earth, not necessarily his sinlessness or his unrighteousness, as he was sinless.

This teaching leans too far on astrology and the influence of the stars upon the lives of people and not enough on the Scriptures and the message of the hour. There is a true understanding of astrology which each Christian must understand to have it well balanced with the gift of freewill, election and predestination, and the simple fact which balances that doctrine is **in Genesis, that the sun, the moon and the stars were given for signs and for seasons, days and years etc.** Perverted astrological teachings made it a direct influence instead of a sign of what a person is capable of doing, his nature, likes and dislikes, passions, weaknesses, his strength, and personality in general. **While the signs that we were born under point out these things, we are not helplessly influenced by them, or our free wills would not be our own. We would be stars motivated robots.** God knowing, that we were all born with evil natures, possessed by various spirits of Satan's kingdom, will have weaknesses, passions, personalities, etc., etc., of various kinds, hence he predestinated us to be saved by His grace and the Blood of Jesus Christ, because He foreknew that we would choose, by our freewill, the way of life when we hear the gospel. Example: Jacob (a schemer), Peter (Hot tempered), Thomas (a scientific mind) and many others with various problems in their individual natures, but all were saved by the grace of God and used in their particular ministry for the benefit of Christ's Kingdom. Sons of God are led by the Spirit, not a star.

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**Question#280:**"Can the sins of the ancestors, three or four generations back, be inflicted upon the children now?"

**Answer:**The Bible said, "The iniquity of the fathers shall be visited upon the children"; Brother Branham confirmed the same. But it all depends upon how we understand these things. Does it simply mean that the Lord is punishing me for the sins of my parents, or that their sins, evil habits and wrong doings are haunting me, and that I am helpless before them? If that Scripture is understood in that light, then Christ died in vain; and He did not, but He died to take away our sins. There are other Scriptures that must be considered when we deal with the above.

*"What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die... Yet say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, [and] hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live. The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. (Ezekiel 18:2-4, 19-20).*

The Lord declared that the parents will bear their own iniquity and the children their own, but yet He promised to **visit** the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation. Placing that in its right context simply means that the evil that a man does lives after him and affects his family in various ways. Example: Adam and Eve. Their sins affected all women to bring forth children in pains and sorrow, and likewise affected all men to eat bread by the sweat of their brow, and brought death on all mankind, but they bore their own punishment for their own individual sins and will answer to God as individuals. Cain will answer for the murder of Abel. He never inherited that murderous spirit from Adam nor Eve, but the Devil. He had a freewill to accept or reject. Abel obeyed, while Cain was rebellious, even to God. Adam was not. Sickesses came upon all mankind because of Adam and Eve, but we all don't have to be suffering from the same sickesses. Jesus went to Calvary and died for that original sin, and forgave all mankind who would accept it by his freewill (John 3:16). We sometimes inherit sickesses from our parents as it traveled down through the bloodstream, like sin traveled through the bloodstream of Adam to the whole world, but it does not mean that God is punishing me for my parents' sin as a Christian. My sins are forgiven. I can be healed from that sickness through the cross, if I exercise faith.

In the case of the unregenerated, each generation gets worse and worse as Brother Branham said oftentimes about the prostitute; "Her mother was a flapper and her daughter was a chorus girl, and the fourth generation will be a striptease". Only the Blood of Jesus Christ can stop the iniquity that runs through that generation. "He was

*bruised for our iniquity and the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed".*

When we are saved, we received grace for a change of nature. We are not like our parents who are sinners. The Spirit of God brings into us a holy nature and we change the course of our fathers, though we would have many battles, personality problems, passions and evil characters inherited from our parents, which we must overcome. There is a reward for overcoming. We are not robots, motivated by the stars or sins of ancestors, but are commanded to work out our own salvation, and we are rewarded when we overcome (Revelation 3:22). As long as we get these things balanced in our minds, as Christians, we will press into the Kingdom of God with full assurance of faith, having this confidence that the just shall live by **faith** and not the influence of a star, nor fail to achieve salvation through the sins of our ancestors. He said, "*Whomsoever will may come and drink of the water of Life freely*"

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**Question#281:**"Suffers very much because of the fact of being born illegitimate; up and down in spiritual life. When backslidden; hard to come back. No great sin committed."

**Answer:**The prophet answered a question about an illegitimate child going in the rapture. The rapture and being saved are two different things, and a child, and someone who comes to the age of accountability are two different things.

### **WHEN THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST COMES IN, IT'S THE DIFFERENT**

**Quote:** 1035-Q-308 "*Dear Brother Branham, if a baby is born out of wedlock, can this child ever be saved or go in the rapture? Saved? Why sure, I believe the child could be... The child can't help what's been done. That is true. But I... About going in the rapture... Saved, I'd say, "Yes." But in the rapture it's a predestinated seed that goes in the rapture. And I can't believe that adultery was a predestinated seed. You understand? See? I believe the baby can be saved; it has no rights of its own. It's a awful act and things. But now, in the Old Testament when a baby was born a bastard child, it could not even enter the congregation of the Lord for ten generations...That's right. But you see, there was nothing there strong enough to forgive that sin. **The blood of the Old Testament did not forgive sins; it covered sins. But the Blood of Jesus Christ divorces it. That's different now. When the Blood of Jesus Christ comes in, it's the different.**" (Questions & Answer 64/8/23).*

## THAT DOESN'T APPLY TO THIS AGE. YOU HAVE A NEW BIRTH NOW

**Quote:**<sup>41</sup> *"The Bible said that an illegitimate, called "bastard child," could not enter the congregation of the Lord for ten generations, which would be four hundred years that an illegitimate child could not come into the congregation of the Lord.... **But that doesn't apply to this age. You have a new birth now.** They had just one birth back there, that was the actual sexual breeding. We have this new birth now which is the spiritual, that breeds out all the cull. And we are new creatures in Christ Jesus, born again of the Spirit of God: new creatures. And the word "creature," comes from the Greek word of "a new creation." Oh, the same as you are a creature here born sexually, you are then a new creation born heavenly...in God's new creation of a new man. New creation, that's a birth. But it has to be a birth. Just the same as the natural birth is necessary, the spiritual birth is just as necessary as the natural birth. (Ten Virgins 60/12/11).*

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**Question#282:**"Do Churches have spirits? I am pursued by an evil spirit. Does the enemy have this right concerning me or has the battle become harder that things like this are dragging on?"

**Answer:**Yes, churches have many spirits. Every church that perverts the Word of God, is dominated from hell and a host of demons. The answer to this question is included in your suggestion: "If Satan has the right or not?" The Lord tries us and our faith many times, and allows spirits to come and try us like they tried the Lord in the wilderness. But in most cases, **evil spirits torment Christians because they do not know their rights.** Thus, when the enemy comes, they accept him and his torments and feel helpless. But if they will stand steadfast in faith believing, and be fully conscious in their hearts that they are under the Blood, Satan has no right to torment a child of God. Then they will resist Satan and he will flee from them.

Some make excuses for the enemy to be present around them, their homes and in their lives, suggesting that it is the influence of the stars or ancestral punishments inherited. Thus they stand helpless, but such could be changed if they understand that their sins are forgiven them, Satan has no power over them, but they have power over him; for greater is He that is in them than he that is without. People, tormented in their dreams and other sightings of demons, should become tired of that and let Satan know their rights, and ask him to depart in the Name of Jesus Christ. They should go to sleep with faith in their hearts, and when they are tormented at night or day, that faith will rise up in their subconscious and do battle with Satan, and he will flee from them. Faith is the strong man of the house. We must bind him first before the thief spoils the house. So the battle is over. The just shall live by faith.

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**Question#283:**"I want to know that my sins are completely forgiven: those that I am aware of and those I am not aware of (The inherited ones and the acquired ones)."

**Answer:**Inherited sins were forgiven at Calvary. They were committed by our forefathers. The only visitation of such sins that the human race or any individual is left with is the world we live in, sicknesses and death, which were paid for by the Blood of Jesus Christ, and we would be free from such very soon by full restoration.

Another factor, as I stated above, is if the individual inherited some sickness that travelled through his parents to him, and even in such case, under discernment, Brother Branham prayed for people and they were made whole. The same prayer of faith, without discernment, will heal another person if they would believe through the Blood of the cross. *"The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."* (James 5:15)

Sins, aware and unaware: *I John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* (Both aware and unaware). The only way that a Christian knows that their sins are forgiven is by faith in the promise of God. He said, "If you confess them, He is faithful and just to forgive them." We take Him at His Word. Stand on that solid foundation, because your sins are cast into the sea of forgetfulness and He would remember them no more.

Satan provokes a man to sin, like he did David, and uses that to accuse him and torment him all the days of his life. Thus, to have victory over the enemy and the assurance of sins forgiven, faith in our salvation and confidence to go in the rapture, we must correct any sin that was done and which Satan is using to torment us. Certain sins which involves our wife, husband, children or brethren, requires confession to the individual. In the case of adultery (to our marriage partner), or offence to children, brethren or unsaved. If any thing is hanging, it should be made right. Other matters are between Christians and the Lord. **After they have made such things right, any voice which torments them about their sins is the accuser of the brethren, Satan, the devil.** Stand on the merits of the Blood, grace and the above Scripture. Faith is the victory. Amen!

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**Question#284:** **Heretical Article No. 197:**

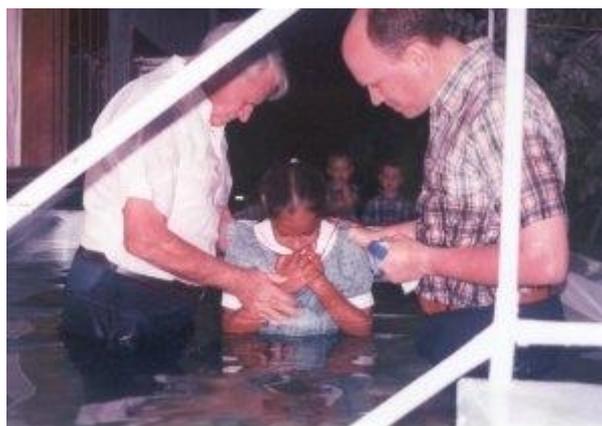
"Should Christians be superstitious?"

**Answer:**There are many Bible believers and some message believers who are bound by superstitions. They regard omens, superstitious signs, believes in many old wives fables and mythical stories of Ghost under different titles. Many of those believers were once associated with religions and organizations, which promote

such superstitions. Such evil traveled down from old pagan religions, Baalamism, Babylonianism and Romanism, which eventually was heaped up in Catholicism and branched of into other organizations. Seeds of superstitions are sown into the tender hearts of children by superstitious parents and other people. They are molded up in fear and truly believe such superstitions which become part of their daily lives. Such seeds are in people when they become Christians.

**Certain titles which are used in the Caribbean to describe evil Ghosts** traveled down through customs, for generations. Much of it came from India, Africa and many other parts of the world. The mythical phantom is popular on magazines, newspapers, movies etc. We heard the names of other Ghosts for generations: **La Diablesse**: portrayed as a woman with an animal hoof, **Lougaroo**: in the form of a man who is supposed to be dragging chains at night, **Douens**: in the form of a crying baby in the woods. **Soucouyant**: portrayed as a flying woman with a mysterious light, who has the power to take of her skin and store it in a mortar, when engaged in her duties of sucking the blood of certain women, and selling it to the devil. Certain aged people are always identified as Soucouyant and persecuted. **Witches**: are always spoken about as riding on broom sticks and flying from house to house. Certain men having the powers to be transformed into beasts and roam the streets at night. **Many of these stories can be identified in ancient mythologies.** Zeus, which is said to have had the power and turned into a white Ox and the beautiful woman rode on his back name Europa, whom, he ravished, and had a son by her. This symbol is becoming very popular in Europe to stimulate the revival of the Roman Empire.

Superstitions which have their roots in pagan religions and mythology, have bound billions of people in the past, and most of the world is yet bound, bewitched, and live in fear and dread of evil forces. Their religious leaders sell certain prayers, candles, chains, rings, and millions of other items to such people, with the promise that they will be protected by them. **Christians are under the blood and no evil shall harm them if they exercise faith in Christ and the blood of the cross, and it is free.**



**A Babtism at Bethel**

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## **THREE DIVINE SACRAMENTS: WATER BAPTISM, COMMUNION & FEET WASHING**

### **WE ONLY HAVE THREE PHYSICAL DIVINE ORDERS LEFT TO US**

**Quote:** 17 *"Now, we only have three physical Divine orders left to us: one of them is communion, feet-washing, water baptism. That's the only three things." (Communion 65-1212).*

**Question#285:** "Who should perform the water baptism service: pastor, elder or any believer?"

**Answer:** (Acts 2:38-41, also Acts 8:26-40) A pastor, elder, deacon, minister and also the disciples of the Lord (*St. John 4:2 Though Jesus Baptized himself not, but his disciples*) can perform water baptism. Brother Paul who was a minister said, *"I baptized also the household of Stephanas." (1 Corinthians 1:16).* *"And John also was baptizing in AEnon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized." (John 3: 23).*

### **A TRUE RECORD OF A BAPTISM WHICH TOOK PLACE IN ROME A.D. 100**

**Quote:** 28-2 *"The following is a true record of a Baptism which took place in Rome A.D. 100 and was reproduced in TIME Magazine December 5, 1955. "The deacon raised his hand, and Publius Decius stepped through the baptistry door. Standing waist-deep in the pool was Marcus Vasca the woodseller. He was smiling as Publius waded into the pool beside him. 'Credis?' he asked. 'Credo,' responded Publius. 'I believe that my salvation comes from Jesus the Christ, Who was crucified under Pontius Pilate. With Him I died that with Him I may have Eternal Life.' Then he felt strong arms supporting him as he let himself fall backward into the pool, and heard Marcus' voice in his ear--'I baptize you in the Name of the Lord Jesus'--as the cold water closed over him." (Church Ages Book Chpt. 1).*

Brother Branham baptized many hundreds of people, and maybe into the thousands. He was baptizing on the banks of the Ohio River when the pillar of fire came down and a voice spoke out. A pastor may have recognized helps to help him--those training to become deacons or ministers.

A candidate for water baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ should seek out someone qualified to baptize them, because later that person may want to be rebaptized for conscience sake if they find out the man who had baptized them had some outstanding sin in his life, such as adultery or fornication. The only Christian formula is in the name of Jesus Christ. Matt 28:19 stressed the name of the father son and Holy Ghost. Peter had a revelation of the singular name which represents

the three titles (Father Son and Holy Ghost) therefore in Acts 2:38 he commanded the people to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, thus fulfilling the Lord's commission in Matt 28:19. All who were baptized in the New Testament were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and those who were not were rebaptized (Acts: 19) Luke: 24:47-49. Jesus commanded that repentance remission of sins should be preached in his name. Peter done that and baptized them in his name. Bro Paul commanded Colossians 3:17 Whatsoever we do in word or deed do it all in the name of Jesus Christ unless a person is baptized in the name of Jesus Christ he is not yet baptized in Christian Baptism but is baptized into the Roman Catholic Church if he is baptized in the titles of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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**Question#286:**"Can one who was baptized under this faith, then backslid, and after many years of backsliding they repented. Is it comely for such a person to be re-baptized even at his request?"

**Answer:**There is no scripture to support a believer that is backslid becoming re-baptized. But understanding the need of people who will find themselves in that situation, remembering that when we were baptized in the water we took some vows and one of the vows that we made was a promise to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in spirit and in truth all the days of our life. It was a promise to serve him for the rest of our lives and if you backslide, of course you go back on your promise that you made to God. And then after years of backsliding you become convicted of your sins and you want to make a fresh commitment, you want to be given a fresh start. And sometimes in backsliding, people can bring reproach upon the Name of the Lord and cause people to say things about the Lord and about the Message that they should not and as a result of that they become a public disgrace. And people having found themselves in that situation, wants to come back and make a public confession of their faith and want to be rebaptized. This is permitted.

You see, water baptism does not save someone, but it is a public confession of an inward work of grace a decision that you made already in your heart to serve the Lord Jesus Christ, to be identified with him, to be identified with his death, burial and resurrection. And having gone back on that through backsliding, this person wants to make another public declaration of their faith and of their forgiveness by the shed blood of Calvary and so requests to be rebaptized and make a fresh attempt to gain salvation. Now, a Christian walk is based on faith and many times the Devil keeps that hanging over of you because you backslid, and what people may think, and as a result one wants to be able to come out and let people know, that I've divorced that old pattern of life and I want to make a fresh start, and they want a fresh foundation, they want to clean up their slate. And so that's why some people request rebaptism and the Man of God here has allowed it in times past as we know.

Now, that doesn't mean to say that everyone who backslides need to be rebaptized. We are not saying that you need to get rebaptized it depends on the individual, faith because it's the individual's faith that has been affected. Backsliding and sin affects

your faith negatively and the Devil is right there to challenge you when you come to church. Some times people need to get a little help in order to get them started off afresh again. That's the effort really in allowing such a person to be rebaptized.

### **IF IT'S STANDING IN YOUR WAY & YOU FEEL LIKE YOU SHOULD BE, GO DO IT**

**Quote:** 63-Q-8 012 *"I was baptized at the age of thirteen... Should I be again?... If you've been a Christian all along, since you was thirteen years old, a believer in Christ, I'd just remain like you are. I wouldn't now, if God has blessed you and give you the Holy Spirit since then... **But you say, "Brother Bill, did you ever baptize anybody over, who'd been baptized when they was a little fellow and then be rebaptized?" Many times.***

***If you want to be baptized, if that's something that's standing in your way and you feel like you should be, you go do it. That's right. You go do it. Don't let nothing stand in your way; you make yourself perfectly clear...And if you want to be baptized again, go ahead, that's the thing to do. I've baptized many over."*** (Questions and answers 54-0103M).

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**Question#287:** "Kindly give us a description or recommendation of wine that is suitable for the Lord's table {communion}, we are not sure what to buy as we cannot make it ourselves for a lack of crop."

**Answer:** The Scriptures, Matthew 26: 29 (Fruit of the grape vine), and it is also evident by 1 Corinthians 11, since it got wayward believers drunk.

Malachi 4:5 & 6, Revelation 10:7 verified the same, that grape juice should not be used, but grape wine is appropriate for the Lord's table. He gave his reasons as follow:

### **THE BLOOD SHOULD NOT BE GRAPE JUICE, BUT IT SHOULD BE WINE**

**Quote:** 370-Q-78 *"I believe that the Blood should not be grape juice, but it should be wine. Grape juice sours and spoils as it gets old. But wine gets better and stronger as it gets old; it never loses its strength. And the Blood of Christ doesn't sour and spoil; as it gets older, it gets stronger and better as the days goes by to the believer. And it is a literal wine and bread... I believe it should be just exactly the way the Scripture said it should be and not vary one speck from the Scriptures, stay right with It. (Questions & .Answers 59-0628E).*

**Quote:** E-29 *"I hold in my hand the fruit of the vine that represents the Blood of the Lord Jesus."*

***It's been said by many that they wouldn't take wine, regular wine, because that it was an alcoholic, that it was a beverage, and they should not take the wine. They take grape juice. The reason we take wine is because the Bible said, "wine." All translations gives it "wine." Another reason: older wine gets, the better and stronger it becomes. Grape juice sours within a few hours. The Blood of Jesus Christ gets sweeter and better as the years go by. It never sours or contaminates. (Ordination 62-1104E)***

Since there is a problem of lack of grape crop and you must purchase wine at the grocery, your first option should be buying grape wine of any brand available. This should be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer since it was not prepared by Christian hands. In any event, the minister prays over the wine, so it is sanctified.

If grape wine is not available, we should consider bringing it from another source (Country etc.) or buy grape juice and make our own wine by adding brown sugar and stirring it into the juice, and let it ferment for three to five days, and strain or siphon to get rid of sediments. Add sugar again to fluid and let it sit for many more days. Taste to test strength of wine.

If none of these options are possible, then you are forced to use some other wine closest to the grape wine. This is only my suggestion based upon the fact that instead of not having communion you will at least have a substitute wine until grape wine can be obtained.

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**Question#288:**"A pastor in his church says that water baptism is not enough to take communion. You must have the Holy Ghost Baptism. Is this pastor judging who has the Holy Ghost or not?"

**Answer:**We must be careful here, not knowing if this question is taken out of context, and not knowing what the pastor truly said, or if he was misrepresented. He may be simply quoting Brother Branham without proper placement. Brother Branham stated:

**Quote:** "*When we have taken the Lord, our sacrifice, into us, as a matter of spiritual birth into us, and His body, we live by Him by the Word. We also should symbolize it because it's a commandment.*" (Communion 1965).

**Quote:** 372-58 "*You must be in the Holy Spirit before you do this or you eat and drink damnation to yourself.*" (Questions And Answers 59-0628e).

**Quote:** 37-1 "***No person is fit to go in the pulpit, or even claim to be a Christian, without being filled with the Holy Ghost. You have no right to the Lord's supper or any Communion or feet washing or anything, until you've been cleansed by the holy Fire of God.***" (Future Home 64-0802).

Now, a person could believe the Word, take it into their heart, and not yet have the great baptism of the Holy Spirit. Even as **the disciples received the Lord, received the Word, and were served communion** by our Lord Jesus Himself, (Matthew 26:26-29), but when it came to having the **baptism of the Holy Ghost**, and power for service, **they didn't get that until the day of Pentecost.**

*"Wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. (Acts 1:4-5)*

The prophet of God referred to many experiences as the Baptism of the Holy Ghost:

### **SPEAKING IN TONGUES IS A BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST**

**Quote:** 522-Q-111 **"Speaking with tongues is nothing but a baptism of the Holy Ghost that justified you and sanctified you."** (Questions.And.Answers 61-0112).

**Quote:**186 **"That's the reason I can't take the baptism of the Holy Ghost of crying, shaking, or speaking in tongues, or any sensation."**(Testimony of a True Witness 61-1105).

### **YOU CAN HAVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST & BE LOST AND GO TO HELL**

**Quote:**162 **"You can have the baptism of the Holy Ghost every hour in your life and still be lost and go to hell. The Bible says so."** (Leadership 65-1207).

**But when it comes to the article of Pentecost, the early apostles were served communion by the Lord himself before they went up to Pentecost to be baptized with the Holy Ghost.**

### **SAME GROUP WENT TO PENTECOST TO BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST**

**Quote:** 37 **"People talks that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is the new birth. Now, that's wrong... you have the new birth by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ... you've passed from death unto Life... St. John 5:24... And that same group had to go to Pentecost to be baptized with the Holy Ghost."** (Countdown 62-0909M).

Brother Branham also said the church has just about enough of the Holy Ghost to keep it from cursing, lying, stealing, and cheating, but we need a baptism to fill every fiber of our being. As far as the pastor judging who has the Holy Ghost or not, he might be judging, but the scripture says, "Let a man examine himself." (I Corinthians 11:28)

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## Question#289:"Who is eligible for communion?"

**Answer:** Many things and thoughts should be considered to determine who is eligible for communion. The scripture declares that a man or woman should examine themselves first, because to take communion unworthily is destruction. *"Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink [this] cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of [that] bread, and drink of [that] cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. for this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world."* (1 Corinthians 11:27-32).

Now, in some cases, a person may need to confide in his pastor, or minister, about whether or not he or she can partake in communion. Certain problems may need to be settled, in such cases as ought with one another, and offenses should be settled out according to the scripture, Matt. 18: 15-17. In some cases, people will take communion who should not take it, even as in the case of Judas Iscariot, who was ready to sell the Lord for 30 pieces of silver, yet the Lord served him communion. However, as the scripture has declared, "Let a man examine himself."

Those taking communion should have **repented for their sins, and been baptized in Christian baptism** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the scripture Acts 2:38. They must also be trying to live a life above sin, and fellowshiping in the spirit. When you take communion, you are showing to others that you are trying to be a Christian, and living the life as a Christian. The Bible prophesied that all tables will be full of vomit, and that is what we have presently in religious circles. People living sinful lives, yet they come to the Lord's table: Adultery, fornication, homosexuals, women in pants, shorts, and message believers in sack dresses, which the prophet condemned. Thus, the tables of vomit are extended under the message and amongst so-called message believers. Brother Branham states:

### **HE EATS AND DRINKS DAMNATION TO HIMSELF**

**Quote:** 373-61 *"The Christian that's trying to take communion, that's not in Christ, not fellowshiping in the Spirit; **he isn't worthy of taking it.** And when he does take this communion, he's eating and drinking damnation to himself, **if he's going out smoking, lying, stealing, committing adultery, or something like that, or not living a Christian life...** it's the same order of the blasphemy of the Holy Ghost. See? Because you are professing something and playing the part of hypocrite with it, when you should not be doing it. (See?)"* (Questions.And.Answers 59-0628e).

## LIVE A LIFE BEFORE GOD AND THE PEOPLE

**Quote:** 26 "The Bible said, "He that eateth and drinketh unworthily shall be guilty of the Blood and the Body of the Lord." See? You've got to live a life before God and the people, that shows that you are sincere." (Communion 65-1212).

## GO MAKE THAT RIGHT FIRST

**Quote:** 54 "When we come to the Lord's table... If there's any feelings between you or something, don't do it; **go make that right first**. See? Go straighten that up first, because we want to come here just as pure as we can be, and our thoughts of one another and to God, and to each other, and then we come in fellowship around the table of the Lord." (Communion 65-1212).

Another important factor that should be considered is the problem of contagious diseases. **These should be reported to the ministry or pastor, especially in the case of STDs (sexually transmitted diseases)**, AIDS, or herpes, for the welfare of others. These people with oozing sores on the lips, mouth, or tongue may have to be served in a private room, separately from the other saints. These are cases and things that we now have to deal with that Brother Branham did not deal much with while he was with us, for we are now living in a time of a Sodom and Gomorrah condition. These conditions, or problems from these conditions, have a way of coming into the church, and we want to try to use wisdom in dealing with God's sheep, and those who have given their hearts to Christ, yet with a medical problem, or contagious social disease.

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**Question#290:**"What is the method of taking the Lord's Supper? We do not have sufficient knowledge about the Lord's table."

**Answer:**In partaking of the Lord's supper, which is communion, we take it in Remembrance of Him and we should know what we are doing. **It is sacred, and we want to be as sincere as we can be in taking it, and not take it by tradition, or formal repetition, without sincerity.** Communion taking is a symbol of unity, oneness with one another, and the Word of God. One bread and one cup should be used, signifying one body.

Communion service is a special service set aside to honor the death of the Lord. A table is set, usually in front of the pulpit, upon which is placed a bread baked by Christian hands, which is not round, as such represents Baal the sun god. A cup is set on the table, preferably made of silver as it represents redemption. Bottles of wine are also on the table, which are also made by Christian hands.

The officiating minister sometimes preaches a short message, many times edifying believers and especially visitors who is eligible for communion and who is not. At the end of his exhortation, he changes the order of the service and invites the elders up

to the table. Two to four Elders come forward to the Lord's table. One takes the platter with the bread and holds it up (Silver represents Redemption), while the other holds up the cup filled with wine, thus symbolizing the Body and Blood of the Lord hung upon the cross of Calvary. The minister then reads scriptures, and prays at this time. Musicians play the piano and the organ, together with other instruments. The bread is then blessed, and broken by the officiating minister. The other Elder then takes the silver cup with wine, and it is handed to the minister, who blesses it, and gives it back to the Elder. During all these activities, the congregation stands in reverence and respect. There is no trafficking in and out of the auditorium at this particular time. The people take their seats, but the minister continues to stand at the pulpit until the last person has taken the Lord's Supper. A number of persons, who are taking communion, come at a time to the table to partake of the Lord's Supper, while the remainder of the congregation is in prayer, confessing their sins and praying one for another. After communion has been served, then all go to do foot-washing, men to their separate areas and rooms, and women to their separate areas.

*"Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it." (Matthew 26:26-27).*

## **ONE BREAD - UNLEAVENED - BAKED BY CHRISTIAN HANDS**

This bread represents, or symbolizes, the body of Christ, and it must be unleavened (baked without yeast), and made by holy hands, and the excess or remainder of bread after communion is finished needs to be eaten or burnt by morning, because the body of Christ did not see corruption, so you cannot allow the bread to remain to rot or decay. The Word will not see corruption.

Wine must be made by people who are dedicated to God, and must not contain any leaven (yeast). All the wine that is poured into the cup must be used up-all that God was, He poured into Christ, and all Christ was, He poured into the Church-the Bride.

## **WINE & UNLEAVENED BREAD MADE BY CHRISTIANS**

**Quote:** 374-64 *"I do not believe that kosher bread should be substituted for a cracker. I believe that it should be a holy unleavened bread, the type of the unleavened bread that was made in Egypt. And I believe that the Blood should **not be grape juice, but it should be wine.** Grape juice sours and spoils as it gets old. But wine gets better and stronger as it gets old; it never loses its strength. And the Blood of Christ doesn't sour and spoil; as it gets older, it gets stronger and better as the days goes by to the believer. And it is a literal wine and bread. **Communion bread should be made by people who's dedicated themselves and consecrated themselves to God.** (Questions And Answers 59-0628e).*

## **THE REASON WE TAKE WINE IS BECAUSE THE BIBLE SAID, "WINE"**

**Quote:** E-29 *"I hold in my hand the fruit of the vine that represents the Blood of the Lord Jesus. It's been said by many that they wouldn't take regular wine, because that it was alcoholic, that it was a beverage, and they should not take the wine. They take grape juice. The reason we take wine is because the Bible said, "wine."(Ordination 62-1104E).*

## **MOST HOLY GOD, SANCTIFY THE BREAD AND WINE**

**Quote:** 57 *"Let us bow our heads. Most holy God, as I hold in this little metal charger tonight this bread that represents the broken, mingled, bruised, smitten body of our Lord... **sanctify this bread** for its intended use. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen... And **let us bow our heads now while we bless this wine.** Our heavenly Father, when I think, as I hold this wine here that represents the Blood of Jesus... **sanctify this wine for its intended use...** For we ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen. [The congregation is served communion.]" (Contest 62-1231).*

## **ONE OF THE ELDERS WILL COME FORWARD TO CALL TO THE COMMUNION**

**Quote:**55 *"One of the elders stand here, Brother Zabel. And... if you'd call from the platform first, so these people can come from the platform and **form your first line** here, if you will. Now, **Brother Zabel will direct you,** in the few moments, as soon as we make the blessing upon the communion." (Contest 62-1231).*

**Quote:** E-27 ***The elders, one of them, will come forward to call to the communion?... Brother Zable here will come forward and **direct row by row as we come forward, taking the communion, returning to our seats.** Everybody's welcome now. And our sister, if she will come to the piano, she plays this song: There is a fountain filled with blood... [The pianist plays--Ed.]" (Ordination 62-1104E).***

Similar quotations: "Jubilee Year 54-1003e & Key To The Door 62-1007."

**Quote:** 54 *"Then when we come to the Lord's table, we must come in reverence, love and respect... "Wherefore, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for the other." That is, other words, just wait a few minutes, **pray, check yourself out.** And if you know a brother is in there, just about to do something that's wrong, or something, and **you pray for him too.** See? "tarry one the other," wait just a minute, pray." (Communion 65-1212).*

*"And supper being ended... Jesus... laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded... If I then, [your] Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." (John 13:2-5,14,15).*

*"And when they had sung an hymn, they went out." (Mark 14:26).*

**Quote:** E-37 *"Now, the Lord bless you. And as we sing now again, the brethren will go to this room and the sisters to that room for feet-washing." (Ordination 62-1104E).*

After feet-washing, all the leftovers of the bread are taken up by one of the Elders and burnt or eaten. *"And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire... it is the LORD'S passover." (Exodus 12:10-11).*

After all have washed feet, rejoicing and praising God, all then return inside Church, very reverently, to dismiss service with song, and then dismissal prayer. This, however, is at the pastor's discretion.

If Elijah (Malachi 4) the prophet served communion this way, then we at Grace Covenant Church want to do it the same way. The Bible says take for example the prophets.

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**Question#291:** "Should communion be taken in the morning, evening or night?"

**Answer:** In the case of our Lord, He served communion to the disciples at supper time, the same night that He was betrayed. Communion is a type of the Passover which was observed at evening time (Exodus 12) it is to remember the Lord's death on the cross. He died at evening time; therefore the Lord's Supper (Communion) should be taken at evening time. The Lord served supper to the apostles at evening time and washed their feet.

### **IT WASN'T THE LORD'S DINNER; IT WAS HIS SUPPER**

**Quote:** E-2 *"I can't never get used to having dinner at supper time... It's always it's breakfast, and dinner, and supper, and **they try to tell me my dinner now is over at six o'clock**... Some of them said, "Oh, Brother Branham, you just don't have it right." I said, "Oh, yes. We do too. The Lord... **wasn't the Lord, He taken His supper. It was called 'supper.'**" (Show us the father 53-0907A).*

**Quote:** E-3 *Light breakfast, and then a good-sized dinner along about... See, to me I know **it's lunch to you all, but to me it's dinner**. See?... We just had dinner, breakfast, or breakfast, dinner, and supper. And **I can prove we're right. It wasn't the Lord's dinner; it was His supper.**" (Hear ye him 58-0209).*

### **COMMUNION TABLE ON THAT EVENING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Quote:** E-69 *And in that great day, may we have the privilege of meeting one another again around that **communion table on that evening of the Lord's supper**, in the Kingdom again with Him." (God has a provided way 62-0728).*

### **HE TOOK IT IN THE EVENING, IT WAS HIS SUPPER**

**Quote:** 2 *"Now, **tonight** is our closing night of this certain service, and I want to let you out in time so you can have your supper. I know a lot of you call it your dinner... I was talking to a fellow, he said, "Oh, Brother Branham, it's dinner." "Oh, it is?" I said, "I want to prove you you're wrong." I said, "**We don't take the Lord's dinner; we take His supper.**" So we like to think of it as **our supper, the Lord's supper that night**, not morning or afternoon. **He took it in the evening, it was His supper.**" (Once More 63-0804).*

### **IN THE EVENING THE LAMB WAS KILLED-A TYPE OF COMMUNION**

**Quote:** 84 *"Now, He said, "In the evening it was killed." The Lamb was on the in--brought to the inside of the house, roasted: type of communion, of course." (Israel at the red sea 53-0327).*

*"For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the [same] night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." After the same manner also [he took] the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." (1 Corinthians 11: 23-26).*

Brother Branham served communion in his evening services, and he stated that the Branham Tabernacle served it once a month.

We here at Grace Covenant Church take it once a month, in the afternoon or evening service. Many times weather conditions are involved in scheduling communion service. The pastors and church may need to take communion during an early service to try to be ahead of a prevailing storm, such as a hurricane, or a coming snowstorm.

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**Question#292:**"Foot Washing: please explain to us the way that it should be conducted?"

**Answer:**Foot washing is an act of humility, of humbling yourself. Our Lord set this example for us.

*"After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded." (John 13:5-14).*

Brother Branham established in his church that foot washing would come right after communion. It should be done in separate areas for the men, and for the women. A brother should wash and wipe a brother's feet and in turn be washed and wiped by the brother. Sisters should do likewise. If they feel to embrace and pray with each other it is welcome, but none should embrace and kiss the opposite sex. Songs and music are appropriate while feet washing service is in progress.

Richard Gan from Singapore; one of the greatest perverters of the message, whose perversions are listed in an elaborate manner on exposition book 8, has even perverted the sacraments and order of feet washing. He advocates that feet washing can be done even before communion.

**Quote Ganism:** "Q-3- Is the Lord's supper to be taken before feet washing? As I have mentioned before, the Three Ordinances are distinct and separate in themselves. So it does not really matter whether Feet washing or communion comes first. They could be held on separate days or nights. But Communion or the Lord's Supper must be taken only at night. The other two ordinances may be conducted in the day or night".

Compare his heresies with the teachings of Brother Branham as follows:

### **I'LL OBSERVE IT TILL I DIE-IT IS EXACTLY A COMMISSION OF JESUS CHRIST.**

**Quote:** 167-Q-35 *"Please explain if a Christian should observe feet-washing, and baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ's Name instead of the Name of the "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." Please.*

All right, now you may differ; that's all right. Let me just read St. John the 13th chapter... And listen to what Jesus Christ said Himself, and then **I'll take you on over in the Testament and show you it's still observed on...** 'If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet;... you ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do to one another as I have done unto you.' Over in II Timothy, Paul said, writing to the church, "Don't let a widow be brought into the church until she has washed the saints' feet." That's right. A **feet-washing was observed all through the Bible days.** And by God's help, if I keep my right mind, and God helps me, **I'll observe it till I die.** That's right. **It is exactly a commission of Jesus Christ.**" (Qa. Image Of The Beast 54-0515).

### **FEET-WASHING, WE STILL OBSERVE IT HERE**

**Quote:** 24 *"And now, don't forget to stay with us if you can, immediately after this service, the speaking service, for the communion and foot-washing. How many ever heard of foot-washing?... And so we still observe it here, feet-washing, and we'd like for you to be with us, if possible, tonight."* (Witnesses 53-0405).

## **WE BELIEVE IN FEET-WASHING**

**Quote:** 43-1 "*We believe in foot washing. We believe in Communion.*" *Serpent's seed 58-0928*).

**washing feet**, they say, "Oh (Pentecostal brethren) oh, Brother Branham, Oh, we used to do that." **Let's do it yet if we did it once.** Jesus did it, washing feet. "Oh," they say, "It's not healthy. People has athletic feet." I don't care what they got. They might've had it in them days." (Condemnation by Representation 60-1113).



**Feet Washing At CT. USA**

## **FUNERALS, WEDDINGS, RELIEF TO WIDOWS POOR AND NEEDY ORPHANS**

### **WEDDINGS: SERVICE, CEREMONY AND RECEPTION**

**Question#293:**"How should wedding services be conducted under the message; what are the scriptural requirements?"

**Answer:**The officiating minister must ensure that the marriage is scriptural, observing all objections of the word and message, which hinder couples from being joined in Holy Matrimony. Unequal yokes are mixed marriages, bigamy, polygamy, believers to infidels and unscriptural remarriages. Couples should be advised that if they know of any unlawful reasons why they should not be married, that they should declare it. Pastors should guide them in a scriptural manner to settle such issues before the date of marriage, since they will be reminded of such before taking their vows. In most countries the minister must be a registered marriage officer through a registered religious body, and be issued a license to perform lawful marriages. If he does not hold such a license, registration of marriages can be done at a government facility, warden's office, or justice of peace.

Such marriage of a couple is not recognized by God until a religious ceremony of taking marriage vows is officiated by a minister. Message believers should always have a message preacher to officiate, who can bless them in the name of Jesus Christ and not by a Trinitarian concept of God. Some ministers may be requested to perform more than one marriage at a single service, especially in poorer countries. This is perfectly scriptural and acceptable. Certain countries requires by law that all signing of marriages by the couple be done before 6:00 Pm and other legal requirement. Such seldom interferes with the wedding service ceremony and reception.

### **THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH GAVE ME A LOCAL LICENSE, TO MARRY,**

**Quote:** E-15 *"And so the Missionary Baptist Church gave me a local exhorter license, giving me the right to marry, bury, baptize, or so forth in the state of Indiana. And then I thought, "Oh, my. How wonderful." Somebody say, "You a preacher?" I'd say, "Yes, sir. Yes, sir." I was happy to say a preacher." (Resurrection of Lazarus 51-0729A ).*

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**Question#294:**"What are the marriage vows to be taken by couples who believes the message?"

**Answer:**Simple vows should be taken in simplicity, for after all, it takes God to join the couple, not the music, pump, pride and show-off of dress, music, songs, dances and other unchristian-like behavior.

Observe the simplicity that the prophet employed in conducting a wedding ceremony.

**Quote:** E-1 *"[A Wedding Ceremony By Brother William Marrion Branham... The pianist plays several wedding songs, and the BRIDAL CHORUS; then the minister,*

*the groom and his attendants come to the altar, then the bride's attendants come to the altar, followed by the bride--Ed.]*

### **COMMENTS OF BROTHER BRANHAM AND REQUEST**

**Quote:** *"Who will I ask for this woman to be the wife of this man?[The bride's father answers, "We do."]*

*Dearly beloved, we are gathered here together in the sight of God, and the face of this company, to join together this man and woman in holy matrimony, which is commanded by Saint Paul to be honorable among all men. It is therefore not by any to be entered into unadvisably or lightly, but reverently, discreetly, soberly, and in the fear of God... If there's anyone here that can show a just cause why they should not be lawfully joined together in this holy matrimony, do you now speak, or from hereafter, forever hold your peace."*

### **CHARGE OF BROTHER BRANHAM TO THE COUPLE**

**Quote:** *"I will require and will charge you both, as you'll surely answer at the day of the judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, if there's **either of you that know any impediment why you should not be lawful joined together in this holy matrimony**, do you now confess it, for be it assured unto you that any couples that are joined otherwise than God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful... join your right hands together.*

### **VOWS OF BRIDEGROOM**

**Quote:** *"**Will you have this woman to be your lawful wedded wife**, to live together in this holy state of matrimony? Do you promise to love and honor and cherish, and support in sickness or health, riches or poverty, and will forsake all others as long as you both live?[The groom answers, "I will."]*

### **VOWS OF BRIDE**

**Quote:** *"**Will you have this man to be your lawful wedded husband**, to live together in this holy state of matrimony? Do you promise to love, honor, and cherish, and support in sickness or health, riches or poverty, and cleave thee only unto him as long as you both live?[The bride answers, "I will."]*

### **TOKEN OF RINGS REQUIRED**

**Quote:** *"I will require a token. [Two rings are placed on the minister's Bible, then offered to the groom for the bride, then to the bride of the groom.]"*

## COVENANT AND BLESSINGS

**Quote:** *"Will you join back your right hands, and step forward for your covenant. Let us bow our heads... I pray Thy blessings upon them, Almighty God. Make them an example in this day of reckless living, that a man and a woman can live true and virtuous in the sight of the world and before God. Make them fruitful, Lord... And now, by the virtue of my commission to be the servant of God, given to me by Almighty God, and witnessed to me **by an Angel, I pronounce this man and this woman, husband and wife, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**"*

## DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE

**Quote:** *"God bless you. You're married.[The pianist begins playing the Wedding March--Ed.] Whatsoever God joins together, let no man put asunder. [The groom, the bride, and the attendants leave.]" (Wedding Ceremony 63-1201W).*

**Marriage vows are basically the same in content and in many churches and message assemblies. However, they may vary in customs, and pattern of phrasing vows, since there are no set scriptural phrases that ministers are bound too, but they are required to keep marriage vows within the scripture of marriage requirements. Other vows are phrased as follows:**

**Bridegroom's Declaration:** I {Name of Bridegroom} do solemnly declare before God and these witnesses, that I know not of any unscriptural reasons why I should not be joined in Holy Matrimony to {Name of Bride}.

**Bride's Declarations:** I (Name of Bride) do solemnly declare before God and these witnesses, that I know not of any unscriptural reasons why I should not be joined in Holy Matrimony to {Name of Bridegroom}.

**Bridegroom's Vow:** Do you take this lady {name of bride} who is now at thy side, to be your lawful wedded wife? I do or Accent, don't.

**Bridegroom's Vow:** Do you promise to love her, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, for better or for worse, and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as you both shall live? I do or I don't.

**Bride's Vow:** Do you take this man {name of bridegroom} who is now at thy side, to be your lawful wedded husband? I do or don't.

**Bride's Vow:** Do you promise to love him, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, for better or for worse, and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as you both shall live? I do or don't.

**Declaration of Marriage:** After rings are blessed and exchanged between the couple, the minister states: Having taken these pledges of your affection and vows of fidelity, I do therefore, as a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, pronounce you {Bridegroom's name}.....and {Bride's name}.....Husband and wife, in the name of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

*"Therefore what God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."*

Amen!

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**Question#295:**"Is it scriptural to have bridesmaid, boy and girl, pretending to be bridegroom and bride?"

**Answer:**Jesus spoke of the children of the bride chamber, but **this little boy and girl pretending to be husband and wife in a wedding**, and are five or six years, old and the little boy escorting the little girl, my spirit don't bear record with that. **I never found that in the Bible, and to me, that is rude.** And I believe that is sex suggestive to the little boy and the little girl. I don't believe in that rottenness. For a little boy to be pretending that he is the bridegroom, holding the little girl's hand, and she is fluffing her feathers, and make belief that she is a bride; don't you know **you are sowing a corrupted seed in that child's mind.** We ought to plant the right seeds in our children.

A little boy goes out there playing a bridegroom, and escorting a little girl, and treating her like a bride? What kind of nonsense is that? Don't you know that you put a certain seed and imagination in that child's mind when he sees the bride and bridegroom go home? You figure out the rest. That is not Christianity and don't bring that in here at all. You keep a wedding simple- bride, bridegroom and the bridesmaids. They look very nice. If you don't have a wedding dress, marry with the dress that you have. If you don't have money to feed the whole congregation, do a home reception. Love in a marriage is the binding factor.



**Wedding at Bethel**

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**Question#296:**"Should unsaved relatives and friends take leading roles" in wedding services?"

**Answer:**Unsaved friends and relatives should not take leading roles in such a service, unless it is absolutely necessary, should not be allowed to come into the church auditorium half dressed, women in pants, drunk and disorderly and smoking on the compound, especially if some of those people are supposed to be seated in front. As witnessed in many churches, the minister looks down and can observe the underclothes of some ungodly women and be disturbed by a drunk relative, or friends sometimes demanding to give a speech. This takes away the sacredness of the church service, and if it engages the service of the deacons, it causes a commotion. Camera men should not be irreverently parading around the sacred desk, and the auditorium with a proud look, ungodly, sodomite and hippy looking. Because marriage is a sacred affair. The Spirit of the Lord must be attendant and should be felt even amongst the unsaved. All Hollywood showmanship and perverted practices should not be allowed. It's a disgrace to see how Christians change from their sacred behavior to resemble the conduct of the Israelites at the Moabitish feast which Balaam orchestrated. Hirelings allow members to act that way.

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**Question#297:**"Should a special musical Band be hired for wedding ceremonies? Some women dress with high comb hairstyles, can't worship, and unsaved take leading roles?"

In weddings or other functions, people who are not born again and filled with the Holy Spirit, are **anointed by a spirit of society**. They are changed automatically from Christians to worldly persons, and endeavor to **fit their functions into society with pump and pride**, church dance parties, with hugging and twisting. Such ungodliness are expressed by the women, by semi-Christian dresses, shoes and hairstyles, change of accents, in verbal addresses, insomuch that some of them are unrecognizable as the same people who come to church from service to service. Such practices are hypocritical and unscriptural.

As regards hiring a musical band with semi-Christian music, rock, jazz or any other worldly songs and music, it's ridiculous and a reflection of a worldly appetite. Such should not be done at the reception venue and definitely not at the church.

#### **SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH YOU IF THAT'S YOUR APPETITE**

**Quote:** 136 *"You say, " I go to dances and parties and all those things... **Brother, it's something wrong with you. That's your appetite...**The other day, coming along in the car, a certain person reached over and turned on my radio, some kind of old vulgar music. **I said, "Turn that thing off; I don't want to hear that," some old***

**boogie-woogie stuff.** Said, "Well, I like to hear that." I said, "**Your nature's wrong; you're wrong.**" (Enticing Spirits 55-0724).

**Receptions: many times, parents and couples cannot afford to entertain the entire church** if they are many in number. They should be given the option to have a reception to suit their financial capability and invite those whom they have chosen. The rest of the congregation should accept and respect such a decision, even if the wedding ceremony included the entire church as witnesses. In other cases, parents and couples are much wealthier, and entertain the entire church and also unsaved relatives and friends. This is also acceptable. There should not be worldly misconduct at the venue, because it is not the church.

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**Question#298:**"A woman was betrothed/engaged prayerfully {by engagement ceremony} to a man. But in the course of time, before marriage, she {the woman} eloped with another man and got married in the court with that man. But, as her parents and guardians were unable to accept that marriage with that man, they were made separated and handed over to the first man as he was also still ready to accept her. Now they are living together after being blessed in the Lutheran church by the pastor thereof, as she belonged to that church. Now they want to be baptized by me according to Acts 2:38. Are they not in Adultery and can I baptize them? Any reference from the prophet's message? Is the P NO. 5 in the seven seals relevant to it, while it is not a divorce case, rather compelled to be separated?"

**Answer:**This is indeed a horrible act, it's a terrible act of Whoredom described in this question! It has broken scriptures in several respects. It reminds us of Joseph and Mary and his first impression when she was conceived of the Holy Ghost, he was mindful to put her away. This expressed to us the O.T. system that engagement was recognized even as marriage. Were not that the Holy Spirit revealed to Joseph the truth he would have put away his wife Mary. By all means this young man has the right to put away this young lady, especially after she went out and became the wife of another man. Please notice the following scriptures:

*"And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife. And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her [to be] his wife; Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that [is] abomination before the LORD: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance." (Deuteronomy 24: 2-4).*

*"For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to [her] husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while [her] husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man." (Romans 7:2-3).*

One important thing, which must be taken into consideration in this marital scruple, is that this was not done under the message, but in religion and organization, and now both parties are desirous of coming to the message, and they are already reunited by a minister. God has provided a way in this age through Elijah the prophet for people in such situations who desire to correct their lives and serve the Lord. Such provisions were not for the handful of people who belonged to the Branham Tabernacle but for all message believers and those who will come in later. I quote as follows:

### **I'M SPEAKING TO ONLY WHO'S FOLLOWING ME AND THIS MESSAGE**

**Quote:** 48-3 *Now, I'm speaking to our followers only, who's following me and this Message only, not the outside. Bear me record of this before God: just to this group only...God upon the mountain permit me to do the same thing to suffer you to go on the way you are and do it no more. Go with your wives and live in peace, for the hour is late. The coming of the Lord is at hand. We haven't got time to break these things up. Don't you dare try to do it again. (Marriage and divorce 65-0221M).*

### **THIS IS TO THEM THAT FOLLOWS THIS MESSAGE ONLY**

**Quote:** 49-1 *It wasn't so from the beginning. That is right. It wasn't so, and it will not be at the end...So under the modern conditions, I command you to go to your home with your wife now. If you are happy with her, live with her, raise your children in the admonition of God; but God be merciful to you if you ever do that again...I say it now so the ministers will understand: this is to them that follows this Message only. (Marriage and divorce 65-0221M).*

Yes Precious pastor Elijah, in my humble opinion the parties, should repent and confess their sins before the Lord and be re-baptized. I do not think that answering new marriage vows are necessary, but they should be allowed the opportunity to continue in the message and serve the Lord, and see that such things are not repeated in the woman's life. Marriage and divorce message would be very appropriate for them.

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**Question#299:**"Should Christian boys and girls honor and fulfill their marriage vows (promise) made to unsaved partners prior to their baptism, or should the vows be nullified, and they be allowed to seek new Christian partners, and continue to fellowship in church?"

**Answer:**Before baptism, all believers' marital status must be fully investigated, thus, the ministry does not have to find a solution for several problems after baptism,

Eg.: Common law union, adultery or polygamy, double marriages, engagements with unsaved etc. If such things are overlooked, it is hard to find a solution for some, while a rare item may be worked out because of the minister's oversight. **In certain cases, the only solution is separation or forgiveness through the pardon that Brother Branham received for believers of the message worldwide** (Ref. Marriage and Divorce or see questions and answers Book 9, Exposition of Damnable Heresies).

When a boy or girl is to be baptized, and they are committed to a partner by vows of promise, they should be given the privilege to marry before their baptism, if they so please. It is not an unequal yoke. But it will be an unequal yoke for either party to be married if one is baptized and the other is not. Any good thinking Christian will count the cost of marrying in relationship to their Christian life that they are about to embrace. The Bible said: *"Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of a harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh."*(I Corinthians 6:15 - 16).

*"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"*(II Corinthians 6: 14).

**Brother Branham specified that such vows should be under good faith**, parties are fully conscious of what they were doing, the girl had nothing to confess, must not be mixed married, and other important details. The opposite party involved should be given the opportunity to accept the new faith of the other party. If she chooses to be a harlot, a man should not be yoked with that. Only after a person is clear on such things, should they seek Christian partners.

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**Question#300:**"If a Christian boy or girl takes a vow or gets married to a non-Christian partner, what steps should be taken by the church? How can it be corrected, are they to nullify their vows? Should they be divorced and re-marry Christian partners? Should they continue with their unbelieving mates, and in fellowship at church?"

**Answer:**Any vow that a Christian takes with an unsaved partner is null and void, since it is unscriptural and contrary to the message. They should repent to the party involved and to the church, if it comes to the knowledge of the congregation.

If they are married by the law of the land, such marriage is not recognized by the Lord.

**IT WAS WRONG-MARRIAGE BELONGS IN THE HOUSE OF GOD**

**Quote:** 1095-Q-342 *"We were married twenty-one years ago by the justice of the peace. Was it wrong?"*

**Yes, it was wrong for you to do that. Marriage belongs in the house of God. But being that you are married, here's when you're really married: you're married when you vow one to the other, when you promise one another that you're, that you'll take one another. (Questions And Answers 64-0830M).**

Under the law, Nehemiah commanded the Jews to be separated from their Babylonian wives, and pulled out their beards etc. Under grace, the Lord has more mercy. Both parties are not truly married. It's whoredom and the same as fornication and adultery, because they had a knowledge of the truth concerning marriage and willfully violated the scriptures. Such parties should be dismissed. If they are allowed to sit in the House of God and continue in fellowship, others will follow that pattern, and the minister is under obligation to allow it for others, then he will be guilty before the Lord.

*"It is reported commonly that there is fornication (Unclean living) among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. (1 Corinthians 5: 1-4).*

In consideration of the offender's repentance, there are a few options. Time should be allowed to establish disciplinary actions after dismissal for such sin, while the party leads their Christian life at home, and the opposite, unsaved party, given the option to embrace the faith in water baptism. Both parties should be separated temporarily from all intimacy, living separately and not in the same house, and at the appointed time, a marriage is initiated at the church when they take new vows. It is then recognized by the Lord. If repentance is genuine by the offender, he or she will adhere to these simple instructions.

Very few offenders are fortunate enough to have their unsaved marriage partners saved, but at length, they may still desire to repent and serve the Lord. After disciplinary action is established in the congregation, the pastor may want to show mercy and bring back the offender. He should repent before the congregation, acknowledge his wrong and the pastor confirm the same and commit him to the Lord, but should not be permitted to take any active role or office in the House of God. The pastor may want to stop him from communion, as a further disciplinary action, and as an example to the congregation.

No, they should not be divorced and remarry Christian partners. The marriage is already established by the law of the land.

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## **FUNERAL SERVICES**

**Question#301:**"Death, Burial and wakes, please advise us how to do those things?"

**Answer:**You see, people come from heathen religions, and they have a funeral for two or three hours; all kind of water that they throw, mango leaf that they tie up, all kinds of fire that they are burning. So this might sound very simple to you, but here a man came from a heathen religion, all kinds of a ceremony by the priest and everything like that, he wants to know if to do some of that?

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**Question#302:**"What are the scriptural requirements concerning funeral services, ceremonies and wakes?"

**Answer:****Christian funerals are a long ways from heathen funerals and ceremonies. They are performed, based upon much superstition.** We have no scriptures that permit cremation of the dead. The Bible advocates and gave accounts of burials and some embalming were done, as in the case of Joseph (Genesis 50:2). Some Christians have hangovers from their old religions as regards ceremonial rights at funerals: fruits, flowers, oils, grains, bells and incense are used. Certain prayers are uttered by the priest and chosen ones dress in their peculiar uniforms. Such are followed by three days, nine days and forty days observances. After a Christian dies, there is no prayer, ceremony or special burial which can benefit his soul. Thus, a decent Christian burial is very simple and humble. As much as possible, the deceased is brought to the church for the last time. If this is not convenient, the minister is sent to any available venue. The minister, who officiates, if he is led of the Lord, thinks more about the living than the dead. The minister delivers his message of salvation in a desperate effort to convince the living that they will one day come to the place of the deceased, that they should surrender their lives to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ and seek eternal life above all the natural things of life.

And all funerals don't have to take place at the House of God. It can take place at your home or another venue, according to the convenience. And in my case, if you have a mixed home where you have a backslider from the Word of God who cannot attend the service here in the House of God. I would not compromise to bring such hypocrites here. I will tell you to choose a venue that will suit your backslidden family and your Christian family, and we will not mind attending at that venue.

Now that is what happened in the last funeral. There are some traitors and blasphemers who belong to that house. On account of that, we could not bring the funeral here, because they are friends of Miriam and the two false prophets. They are not going to mash foot on these grounds in death or in life until they repent. So I asked them to take a neutral venue where we could be gathered, and their friends

could be gathered and bury the dead. So that is the way it stands. Certain things are done for certain reasons in the House of God.

If you want your friends and relatives there, I cannot tell your excommunicated backslidden hypocrite father brother or sister not to come to the funeral. No! To avoid all of this stupidity and confusion I said, "Choose a neutral venue." How many think that's right? [Congregation says, "Amen!"] If you have your false prophets friends, a Dr. Miriam friend, a brawler friend, an Absalom friend, and a backslidden hypocrite living in your house, and a Judas who is causing trouble for the church with the police, do you expect me to compromise with them, who are like devils, and let them walk into Bethel as angels? Some scriptures suitable for the occasion are:

**Luke 16: 19-31:** *"The beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments";* **Revelation 20:12-13:** *"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God... And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.";* **2 Corinthian 5:1:** *"If our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."*

These scriptures tell of the state of the dead, both the righteous and unrighteous. A eulogy is allowed, to give to strangers a brief account of the person's character and life that they led. Christian songs and music are employed with the preached Word. The minister commits the soul of the departed unto the Lord in an official prayer, along with the bereaved. **There is a graveside ceremony.**

### **LAST RESPECTS AT THE GRAVE**

**Quote:** 287-2 *"Tomorrow at 2:30... our dear departed Sister Colvin, we give her the last respects to her at the funeral home and at the grave."(Hebrews Chpt. 7 Pt. 1 57-0915E).*

The minister may **choose** to read a scripture and comment briefly, after which, he takes in his hand three particles of dirt and reads from Genesis 3:19: "Till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.", and cast a pebble into the grave when he repeats each phrase.

**Quote:** E-27 *"There you hear the preacher say, "Ashes to ashes, and dust to dust..." You see them throwing them old yellow clods in on top of it." (Speak to this rock 53-1115).*

**Quote:** E-55 *"We go out to the graveyards, ashes to ashes, dust to dust with our loved ones. We sprinkle the clods. I've done it on wife, baby, father, brother." (Arrow of God's deliverance 53-1115).*

**Similar quotations:** *"Deep calleth to the deep 56-0415, Darkest hour Jesus comes 55-1114, Be not afraid 62-0620).*

**The custom of Wake**, as it is commonly phrased in U.S.A. and many other nations; it varies from nation to nation. In the Caribbean, people gather on the first night at the deceased home. They drink coffee, eat biscuits, play cards, gamble, cuss, drink and smoke. Such gatherings continue each night until the burial. These things are practiced by the unsaved. In the case of so-called religious people, certain religious rites are included. **Christians-message believers should have no such customs**, and may even have to contend with the neighborhood, and relatives to avoid such practices, since it is totally unscriptural to allow such conduct in a Christian home. **All religious superstitions and ceremonies of any other culture must be avoided.**

In the United States, a wake for the dead occurs after the funeral takes place, when friends and relatives are gathered together to eat and drink. This is not done by many other nations. Nevertheless, there is nothing unscriptural about this, only that it should be done decently and in Christian order. Ministers must be reminded that in certain countries and states a license is required to bury the dead and also a death certificate. They should keep these documents while they are performing their duties in events of questions from the relevant authorities. The kingdom of Satan loves to embarrass citizens of God's kingdom.

#### **WMB COMMENTS DEPARTED SISTER**

**Quote:** E-1 *"Along with these **testimonies and acknowledgments of our departed sister**, I would like to leave these words also... I become a minister and was acquainted with Sister Bell, and know her as a real devout Christian. We will all miss her, everywhere... She was what was required to be a Christian... She loved singing... **My prayer, and sincere prayer, is that we will all come to the end of the road with a testimony like she had.***

*I wish to read some out of the Scripture here... the 14th chapter of Job. "Man that is borned of a woman is of a few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down... If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come."... God is expressing to us... through the flowers, through the sun, through the tree, through all life, that He is the Resurrection and the Life. God resurrects His life when it serves His purpose. And if the flower serves its purpose, and God has a resurrection for the flower, how much more for our sister who served her purpose in life?... Seeing that He is God and we must all come to this place, then let us look at His tokens of expressions... God, we pray that You'll rest her gallant soul in that land that she loved, and talked about, and sang of all these years... Bless her loved ones, her brothers, her sisters, her grandchildren, and her neighbors... In Jesus' Name we ask it. Amen." (Expressions 62-0313).*

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#### **SAINTS-POOR, NEEDY AND WIDOWS**

**Question#303:**"Please explain the church's obligation to widows, poor and needy saints?"

**Answer:**

### **THE CHURCH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS OWN**

**Quote:** 873-Q-220 *"How shall the church act towards calls for financial help for food and clothing?"*

*The church is responsible for its own... as we have needs to supply them with... that's steady, constant members... We are duty bound to them, as our brothers and sisters who have proven to be our members of this gathering." (Church Order 63-1226).*

**Christians must have bowels of mercy and compassion towards the poor and needy saints of the church.** Brother Paul advised some in 1 Corinthians: 16:1-2: *"Now concerning the collection for the saints... Upon the first day of the week **let every one of you lay by him in store**, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."* One reason was to stir up the love and pity of the hearts of believers. Jesus commanded in many places to give. James also stressed this fact that our works express our faith. *"If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" (James 2:15-16).* *"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (1 John 3:17).* **Hirelings employ those scriptures to defraud people of their money**, misinterpreting such scriptures to mean, that the people should give their money to them. The important emphasis by the Lord and his servants were for the believer and saints to exercise bowels of compassion, one toward the other.

However, it is the church's responsibility to meet the needs of poor saints as much as it is in its power. **This should not be interpreted to mean that the pastor should take up the full responsibility** and take care of all their needs and that members should become dependents of the church. **Any church that advocates such system, will have many bread and fish disciples** after a short time. Jesus exposed such people. This proves that he did not advocate such a system, but discouraged it.

### **WIDOWS**

Brother Branham said that tithes should not go to the widow, for it's the Lord's money:

**Quote:** 680-Q-161 *"I know people take their tithes and give them to a widow woman. That's wrong. If you've got anything to give the widow woman, give her, but don't give her God's money. That's not yours in the first place. That's God's."* (Questions & answers 61-1015).

But this does not mean that believers should shut up their bowels of mercy from giving to widows. Apostle Paul gave the necessary guidelines as follow: **"Honour widows that are widows indeed. But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God. Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless. But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man, Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work. But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith. And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. (I Timothy 5:3-13).**

From the scripture, it is clear concerning the support of widows in the early church. They were a chosen class who must be qualified to be in that group and to be financially supported by the church. Their duties were mainly prayer and supplication, Secondly, relatives: (sons, daughters, nephews etc.) were advised by Brother Paul, to take the responsibility of supporting widows who did not qualify for support by the church, and thirdly, advised that the younger widows be married and not join that special widow group, as they will wax wanton and cast off their first faith. This verifies that certain widows were in a special order.



**Pastor Roy Deo {Deceased} and Nancy Bruce**

## CHURCH BUILDING MAINTENANCE, JANITORS ETC.

**Question#304:**"People fuss with each other about cleaning our Church and other work, even washing the towels for feet washing. This came to the unsaved people. How to handle it?"

**Answer:**Anytime people start fussing about doing little things in the House of God, they do not have the right vision. They think they are doing a favor for some man, some brother or some sister, so they are very mean. And in this case, they even quarrel about washing the feet washing towels, and it came to unsaved people. The janitors fuss about cleaning the Church. Any person that is a Christian ought to be so happy that they got a chance to do something in the House of God

Everybody would not have time to come and do everything in the House of God, but it is the mentality that you approached the thing with. **I never felt it hard in my life to do anything for the Lord, in preaching or manual work.** Whatever I could do in the House of God, I feel that it is a privilege, even because I have a vision of Eternal Life, and whatever I am doing, I do it as unto the Lord. This is ridiculous, to let this go out to unsaved people, fussing about washing the towels, fussing about cleaning the House of God. And this is what I would advise in this situation. I have set this in order in several Churches. My beloved pastor, if you could seek out somebody in the House of God, who might be in need and would take up the job to be a janitor in the House of God, and **if the Church could afford it, then pay that janitor.** It will cease a lot of strife and contention. And **if the Church cannot afford it and nobody wants to cooperate to clean the House of God, let all of them give a donation.**

They come church and find a clean seat, clean floor, clean surroundings, and everything in order. They find free lights, free water and everything that goes with it. **Let a collection be taken up from each member to pay the janitor in the House of God,** if they don't want to come and put their labour, let them put their money, and you will solve the problem. Who fuss, don't want to pay, and wants to go, let them go, because they don't have a Christian spirit.

Coming to church is not all. Coming here and sitting and hearing the Word of God and say it was a nice message, that's not all, friends. **It takes a lot to operate a church.** Somebody is responsible for the lights; the lights must go off when you leave here, otherwise we will have a big bill. The doors must be shut. Somebody is responsible for that. The fans must be turned off. Some people don't have fans; they are in a hot building. Things must be done. Water must be put at the pulpit for the preacher to drink. **Preachers home and abroad, be very alert with Judases. They could throw poison in your water, so pick the special man.** If you preach too hard to Cain's seed, they can throw poison into your water. So appoint one or two men who are responsible. Let the deacons and the other ministers know who is

putting that water there, in case you die, they will know who killed you. Mind your business!

There are lots of things to be done in the House of God, and I believe that if people are Christians, and there are things to be done in the House of God, **everybody ought to put their hearts and their hands together in order to have it accomplished**. Seats need to be repaired from time to time, the floor need cleaning from time to time, the pulpit need dusting, communion basins need to be put in place, towels need to be washed, communion bread must be baked, somebody got to make wine; everything got to be in place

It took me years to have all these things in place, by the leadership of the Holy Spirit. You have little fellows in training. From the time the last two or three men take the communion, you see a bunch of little fellows just go outside with a couple of big men; they are already trained. They got to put the basins out. Sometimes they have it put out much earlier; they make ready. You see the basins disappear. You just washed feet and went about your business. Somebody has got to take care of that. Somebody is in charge of that. The towels must be cleaned

Church is just not coming to church and sitting and hearing the Word and saying, "Good message, good message." No! There are a lot of things to be done, and everything has got to fall in place, otherwise it will disturb the service. Some of these things cost money, it takes time, it takes somebody to motivate these younger boys. They are happy for the job to carry out the basins, they are getting involved in the service, and they feel happy to put out the towels. They go out with joy, they are the men of tomorrow, and they might be the deacons of tomorrow, the ministers of tomorrow, if there is a tomorrow. That's the way the House of God must be run. It must not be a pulling and tugging, strifes and contentions.

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## CHURCH REGISTRATION

**Question#305:** "Can the endtime church of the message (Our church here), be registered to the Government, as we are asked to produce the registration No. documents to issue the marriage license as it has become needful. Has the prophet said anything about it? If yes, what and where is it? If not your kind scriptural suggestions?"

**Answer:** Many governments require that churches be registered in order to obtain benefits of registration. Under the United States law, property that may be used by a church must be owned by a "person." That "person" may be a natural person-a human being-a group of natural persons or an artificial person such as a corporation or a trust. If the church is not incorporated, or "registered" with the government it may not be allowed to own property such as: the land and building used for services,

vehicles used for transportation of people attending services, and the like. In such a case, the property to be used for "church" purposes may be "owned" by the pastor or a group of men designated as trustees but in their own names. Registration in some states or countries may provide certain benefits, such as reduction of property taxes. In certain countries or states, it is required that a church be registered under a charitable co-operation, if it would be allowed to function.

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**That the Branham Tabernacle in Jeffersonville is registered as a corporation, is well known.** It is an independent sovereign church, chartered at Jeffersonville in Clark County, Indiana, as a **nonprofit institution**. In other parts of the world they do not have such requirements and restrictions. Though these co-operations are not recognized as churches but merely registered under a company act, they function as churches, many of them are non taxable, but they have certain codes of rules and regulations, of the government which they must observe to receive a marriage license to bury or baptize, a minister must belong to such a cooperation. However, Brother Branham made it clear that registration with the government does not make a "Church." He said:

**Quote:** *"Those big churches today stand and say, 'I'm a church. Don't tell me. I'm recognized in United States government.' Well, what have you got? You're dead, blistered. Just the signs of what you was."* (Faith Once Delivered To The Saints, 53-1129A, Par. E-102)

As a registered church corporation, it may be necessary (as it is in the United States) to file detailed reports with the government disclosing the church's activities, tithes and offerings received and details of expenditures. The Branham Tabernacle paid Brother Branham a salary each week but, when he made the mistake of signing over to the church an offering check that was made out to him, the U.S. government tax service called him to account for that and many other offerings saying that, even though he had the money for a very short while, he owed income taxes on it. They also asked him to explain why he had taken church money and helped certain poor, needy people without asking or telling the trustees.

In Indiana Brother Branham got a license for this purpose from the missionary Baptist. He was able to function in that capacity but was restricted in doing certain things. I do not mean to advocate that preachers in the message should seek License through organizations. Brother Branham did so in his early ministry when he belonged to the Baptist church.

### **THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH GAVE ME A LOCAL EXHORTER LICENSE**

**Quote:** E-15 *"And so the Missionary Baptist Church gave me a local exhorter license, giving me the right to marry, bury, baptize, or so forth in the state of Indiana. And then I thought, "Oh, my. How wonderful." Somebody say, "You a preacher?" I'd*

say, "Yes, sir. Yes, sir." I was happy to say a preacher." (Resurrection of Lazarus 51-0729A).

### **W.M.B. WAS FORBIDDEN BY US GOVERNMENT TO MAKE CERTAIN DECISIONS IN THE CHURCH**

**Quote:** 7 "Now, *I was asked a little something here*, on a little note was given me to... They had a trustee meeting the other night here on the board of trustees and deacons, and I think the minutes were read this morning before the church. Which, that's custom for us to do that. **In the decisions that was made by the board of trustees and deacons here** in the church, of course, they can't please everyone. We cannot do that. **I have not one thing to do with the trustee board or the deacon board.** I have not even a vote unless there's a tie, and I have to be here to do it then; Brother Orman Neville takes that second vote. Then we have to sign these, because we're part of the church. But what the trustee board and them board's decision they make, we certainly stand behind them one hundred percent, 'cause that's what they're here for. And their decisions is between them and God. **I cannot and would not, by any means, contrary that decision.** And another thing, **I am forbidden by the United States Government to make any decision concerning that**, so please don't ask me to correct their decisions. I cannot do it, and I will not hear nothing about it. See? So **don't ask me to correct their decisions.**" (Events made clear by prophecy 65-0801E).

If it is necessary in your country or if it gives you a little more privilege and liberty to function as a minister and a church, I do not see a problem in church registration! Some have the opinion that this is becoming an organization, but it is not so, this is simply obeying the laws of the land and acquiring a license for the promotion of the gospel. We must be very careful how and to what purpose we form a corporation for church purposes. Brother Branham warned that, eventually, church organization will lead to the mark of the beast. We must also be reminded that all these co-operations, churches, organizations etc. will one day be forced into the world council of churches {WCC}. All in the message must be prepared to surrender our license at that time, and close our doors when it becomes necessary.

In the Church Age book, he said:

**Quote:** "Only the very elect will not be fooled. The temptation will come as follows. The ecumenical move that has started on what seems such a beautiful and blessed principle (fulfilling Christ's prayer that we all might be one) becomes so strong politically that she bears pressure upon the government to **cause all to join with her either directly or through adherence to principles enacted into law so that no people will be recognized as actual churches unless under direct or indirect domination of this council. Little groups will lose charters, privileges, etc., until they lose all property and spiritual rights with the people.**

"For example, right now unless the local ministerial association approves in many, if not most cities, one cannot rent a building for religious services. To become chaplains in the armed services, hospitals, etc., it is now almost mandatory to be recognized as acceptable to the trinitarian ecumenical groups. As this pressure

*increases, and it will, it will be harder to resist, for to resist is to lose privilege. And so many will be tempted to go along, for they will feel it is better to serve God publicly in the framework of this organization than not to serve God at all publicly. But they err. To believe the devil's lie is to serve Satan, even though you may want to call him Jehovah. But the elect will not be deceived."*  
(*Philadelphian Church Age, Church Age Book, Chpt. 8, Par. 313-2*).

The church may register with the government but realize that such registration does not make the local assembly a church in the true sense and that it is only a temporary convenience until the true Church is set in order by another Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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## **SUMMARY OF SERVICES - QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

**In summary of this most important work, we the ministers of North America, South America and the Caribbean, and our associates around the world, trust, with all our hearts and souls, that the contents of this book will be of edification to message believers and millions of souls in many nations around the world.** May these truths bless, strengthen and equip true Shepherds and sheep to discern and withstand the anti-Christ spirit, heretics, false prophets, hirelings, wolves and goats. Many have become heroes of the faith, warriors of Christ and deliverers to sheep who are bound by heresies around the world. We have many testimonies from ministers and believers concerning the great victory gained over the enemy, by the revelation of the message of Malachi 4:5-6.

**Senior Minister of Bethel Roy Barrow summarized our continued meetings for a period of two months at Bethel which were dedicated to Questions & Answers. He stated as follows:**

This evening, we are gathered to bring to our remembrance what Christ done for us at Calvary. We want to say that we have enjoyed the questions and answers, and **it took me back to Bible days**, when many questions were asked and the answers given. I tell you, the Scripture says, 'The right answers cometh from the Lord.' I believe that these many questions that were asked, I can confess this evening, **that 'the answer came from the Lord.'** It is just not our Shepherd, Brother Bruce, and our ministers answering these questions, but I believe it is the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, answering our simple questions and answering our hard questions. It really reminds me of Bible times when the Apostles, and the disciples sat at Jesus' feet and asked many questions. Jesus answered their many and hard questions. Oh, history has repeated itself.

I love a man who knows what he is talking about. I have confidence in a man **who knows what he is about**. And from a little boy, I wanted to meet a man who knew the Scriptures. **I had turned from the long wave to the shortwave bands on my radio and I never found a man, locally or internationally, until I came to this little place that is called 'Bethel - The House of God'**, where I met a man with a

gift from the Almighty, God. I just cannot help myself, I have to say it, I must say it, that we have a Servant of God in our midst with a gift in his bosom that answers all our questions, whether they are hard or simple. Oh, we thank God for Divine leadership, and we want to tell the Man of God that we love him regardless of our faults. Oh thou Man of God, we, the Church of God, love you! And I covet, if I have offended thee in anyway, your forgiveness and your pardon. **I am a child when it comes to the Servant of God.** Amen! I am not a big man, I am a child. God resisteth the proud, but He giveth grace to the humble in heart. He that humbleth himself, him shall be exalted.

I am sure that everyone, both here and abroad, who has come in contact with God's servant, sat under his ministry, known him as long as we do, has the same testimony. Beloved, we were deceived in organizations under wolves and hirelings, who call themselves, full Gospel preachers and men of God. They fleeced us of our money, wore the most expensive suits, lived in the biggest houses, and lived like lords from the tithes, offerings, pledges and other money schemes that they invented to rob the people. They defiled the women in the churches, never met the scriptural qualifications of a minister, and yet for all, continued to hold their self proclaimed offices of five-fold ministry.

Then we fled for refuge to this message, and, sad to say, that in many places, we found the same thing. But thank God, it is not so with God's precious servant. In such a dark hour, when false prophets and hirelings, have infiltrated the churches and have covered the earth, God has not left the earth without a witness. Beloved, he has lived a blameless life before us, for better than thirty six years, since we came to know him. He has evidently proven that he cares for the sheep and is not after our wool. When he could be living high and mighty like other preachers, he chose to live simple, humble and lowly amongst the saints. The money which comes into the offering plate, he takes it and throws it right back into the ministry and congregation, helping the widows and poor and needy saints. I am sure that every single person here has been a partaker of this. *[Congregation says, "Amen!"]* He has lived a completely clean, holy and irreproachable life before us for the past thirty six years, and has totally dedicated his life to the souls' salvation of this congregation and all mankind. And above all, he has run a straight line on the Word of God, for all these years, and has never, ever deviated from walking straight with the message and the Word of God. Let us ever be thankful. Let us ever be grateful. Even if it is just for conscience sake, of what he has done, is doing and what he is to us, *we must needs be subject. (Romans3:5).*

So we thank the Lord for the questions and answers. **Marvelous things have been spoken, especially on those gifts and offices.** Oh I just love to bathe in those things because **my understanding is enlightened.** Oh beloved, this is not so-called Pentecostalism, this is the Lord, Himself. Thank God for a man who knows what he is about, and full respect from our hearts to God's Servant. Full reverence, full respect and admiration for the Man of God. **I could never forget these words, "As thy body is stiff upon this bed, so shall you walk with this man's Message [Brother Branham's Message], and as this breeze quench your thirst, so shall this man's message quench your thirst for righteousness."** {Vision of Brother Bruce partially quoted}.

Oh beloved, I believe great things are in store for us. I believe something is nearing, I believe we are about to cross this Jordan. **There must come another sound, and another outpouring. It must be here, and it will be here on time! It's got to be here.** We live in the midst of Sodom and Gomorrah. Immorality has heaped to the skies, and I believe that the Lord God is not able to take the stench any longer. This nation is gone. What is pending is the judgment of God. It cannot continue like this. Yes.

At this time, we call the elders who will assist in the serving of the communion.  
[Communion service follows.]

The following report is an example of the power of the revelation of Christ. The servant of God, Ronald Watson of Karnataka India successfully defeated the heresies and agents of Mr. Richard Gan of Singapore

## **EXPOSITION OF DAMNABLE HERESIES DEBATE GANISM VERSUS THE WORD OF TRUTH.**

Our books entitled "Exposition of Damnable heresies" are in circulation in many parts of the world. In India our main distributor is Pastor Ronald Watson. He is a great contender of the faith, Jude 1:1 and representative of the message of Malachi 4:5-6. He has won many battles against oppositions by heretics against the word of truth, which exposes heresies in his country. The Lord having such heroes of the faith planted on their own soil, have made my labors, yoke and burden very easy in spreading the word of truth. Insomuch that battles for the faith have not yet demanded my presence. Heretics are put down by our literatures and local servants of God. This brochure gives an account of a fierce battle between the agents of Richard Gan of Singapore and the agent of Jesus Christ Pastor Ronald Watson. The victory over Ganism and his agents were so great that meetings which were planned by Gan and his Agents must be rescheduled or aborted. The following is an account of such debate.

In Coonoor, Tamilnadu State, South India. There are three Churches which believe the message of Malachi 4:5-6. The Pastors of the three churches are 1 Pastor Nesa Kumar, 2 Pastor Lawrence, and 3 Pastor Zion Jebraj. Pastor Nesa Kumar invited me for the meetings which were conducted by him and other ministers in his church of like faith. Meetings were held by Pastor Ronald Watson and two warriors of the faith, local servant of God on 24th -26th of October. They hate heresies like we hate them and preach against them.

About Pastor Lawrence; he is a follower and agent of Mr. R.L.S. Gan and has two other followers in the city of Coimbatore where we earlier had meetings on 3rd to 6th of this month. Two agents of Mr. Lawrence are: 1 Self claiming Pastor Shadrack (27 years old) and his assistant Mr. James. These three agents of Gan are supported financially by Gan himself. He looks after their house rents and other expenses. And

one more brother, He's convinced of the truth, he was converted from Hinduism a few years back, whose name is Jayaram was receiving Gan's books and he was one of the witnesses in the debate.

Mr. R.L.S. Gan sowed seeds of discrepancy through these agents in the Coonoor, Coimbatore and Chennai (Madras). They also have contact with other agents of Mr. Gan in Bombay and Delhi. These agents tried their level best to deceive these humble Pastors Nesa Kumar and Zion Jebraj, but in the right time the Lord has sent us to these Pastors with the exposition books 2,4 & 8, which speaks more about Ganism. Because of our visiting and meetings in that area these agents of Gan have been disturbed a lot, and thought that they would be hindered from spreading the poisons of Ganism among these churches, so they targeted me mainly this time, to confront me with their false claims of Mr. Gan. But these agents again invited Mr. Gan in the month of November to Coonoor and they planned to conduct meetings there and in Madras, also ministers meetings are planned with Gan by these agents, all over India. Gan is much worried of his defeat in these areas by the EXPOSITION OF DAMNABLE HERESIES BOOK 2, 4, 8 and the preaching against his doctrines and isms by us.

Watson preached three messages: 1 Blindness of Laodecea in so-called message believers, 2 Born again evidence. Mr. Gan's agents attended and they quietly taped the message. Thirdly, I preached, "Identifications of the true ministry of God." In this message, most of the things I took from book 8. The Lord's presence was there mightily. I tell you with fear and reverence in the work of the Lord, that truly this meeting brought one of the greatest success against the heresies of Gan. Only his heresies are dominant in that area. I have not heard of any other heresies except these heresies of Mr. Gan. This message, his agents also taped. After the meetings two Muslims were baptized in the name of Lord Jesus Christ, by me there. Both of them are husband and wife and they will be attending Pastor Nesa Kumar Church. After the meetings were over, agents of Gan approached me and asked me to have meetings with me regarding their Apostle's exposition in the book 8, so I had to stay one day more because of them, and IT WAS THE WILL OF THE LORD and the whole purpose of the meetings. Now, I write in detail about the meeting and debate between me and four Agents of Gan.

**Agent of Gan: Shadrack:** "Because here we can't get Bro. Dalton Bruce, we are thinking of meeting you here regarding the exposition of our Brother R.L.S. Gan in book 8. Since you have contact with Brother Bruce, we would ask you and also one of the ministers about the exposition you know very well. **We appreciate all your preaching and we also appreciate Bro. Dalton Bruce's printing books like these. After we read Exposition books 1 to 9, we came to know many heresies but we don't like the way he exposed Gan in book 8;** we agree with all the rest. Please answer our questions regarding Bro. Gan?"

**Ronald Watson's response:** In the name of the Lord and by the help of the Holy Spirit, I now answer your questions, and I want you to leave the heresies of Gan, repent and get back to the true Word of God. This is what I need from you brethren.

**Agent of Gan: Shadrack:** Where did Bro. Gan say that he is Apostle, or Prophet, directly? Why did Bro. Bruce say in book 8 that Bro. Gan claims an office of Apostle?

**Ronald Watson's Answer:** In book 8 Pastor Dalton Bruce quoted his own quotation saying that he is an Apostle. Please read his claim in his message called, "The foundation and the wall page 37,49.

**Agent of Gan: Shadrack:** Yes. What is wrong in calling himself an Apostle. Is there no office in the 5 fold ministry called an Apostle?

**Ronald Watson's Answer:** Yes Amen! I believe there is an office in the 5 fold ministry, but that office is not only reserved for Mr. Gan. The body of Christ consist of these offices but it is not operated by one man called Gan from Singapore. There will rise many Apostles, but not now, it is AFTER THE TRUE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLED ONE MORE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Outside of this all Apostles are FALSE. {2 Corinthians 11:14-15}.

**Agent of Gan: Shadrack:** You mean, now there are no Apostles according to the message Malachi 4: 5-6? You said that you believe in a five-fold ministry, then how could you say that it is not now, and it is after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?

**Ronald Watson's Answer:** I believe now there are Apostles, but they are POWERLESS APOSTLES not yet set in order, and are under the fiery training and tests of God like Bro. Paul spent three years in deserts of Arabia before his apostolic ministry, but your Gan is in a luxurious city, not in the desert. They are under training in deserts. They are waiting for the power to come as on the day of Pentecost, "Until you be endued with the power from high," amen, then the true Apostles ministry will start. I believe in the ORIGINAL pattern of God according to the message. The rest are all powerless and it is useless.

**Agent of Gan: Shadrack:** OK leave it. I also believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit as you preached yesterday and I do believe in the five-fold ministry. I appreciate you preaching about them, then why don't we come close together, for the unity of the bride today?

**Ronald Watson's Answer:** There is no unity under heresies, therefore the word of God says, "Why there are divisions among you, is because of heresies". If you appreciate my preaching, leave those false self claiming Apostles and wait for the true Apostles ministry.

**Agent of Gan: Shadrack:** Brother Gan is saying today that most of the followers of Malachi 4:5-6 message are making a mistake by quoting Branham's message but not quoting from the word of God.

**Ronald Watson's Answer:** What is the difference between the word of God and the Message of Malachi 4:5-6? Is Malachi 4:5-6's message different from the word of God? Tell me?

**Agent of Gan: Shadrack:** Hmmm; some are word of God but not all. Only where he says, "Thus Saith The Lord."

**Ronald Watson's Answer:** You mean to say where he says, "Thus Saith The Lord", that only is the word of God and the rest are not the word of God? Then leave all.

Take only, "Thus Saith The Lord" as granted as the word of God. **This is the worst heresy I have ever seen** among the so-called shameless believers of the message of Malachi 4:5-6. I don't like to identify you with the message of Malachi 4:5-6, but I believe his messages are recorded and printed in the books called "SPOKEN WORD BOOKS" and everything in the books and in the Tapes are the WORD OF GOD for me, and he is one of the greatest prophets in the Bible. If his messages are not the word of God then other Prophets in the Bible message are also not the word of God. I say, "Amen to every WORD OF THE PROPHET WMB." There is no use in discussing if you deny the prophets words are the word of God.

**Agent of Gan: Shadrack:** Do you believe that there will be a revelation come to the 5 fold ministry, and that revelation will be more than what the Prophet WMB received?

**Ronald Watson's Answer:** There is only one revelation left for the church to receive and that is the 7 THUNDERS revelation. That one thing is not revealed. That's what the Prophet of God said; and that revelation is only for the church for Rapturing faith and it is not more than what the prophet had received. It cannot be called as less or more revelation. Revelation can not be measured as less or more; Christ is always in full measure, amen. because Prophet WMB's time was not the time for the 7 thunders revelation, it will be at the coming of the Lord.

**Agent of Gan: Shadrack:** OK book 8, Ganism: "(1) He believes in prehistoric man, Quote: "Perhaps the serpent was like prehistoric man, maybe better looking, who existed long before modern man- the present Adamic race - was created some 6,000 years ago.' (The original sin page 1-1)" What is there wrong in it?

**Ronald Watson's Answer:** According to the answer by Pastor Bruce in book 8, it is absolutely right according to the word of God. God created Adam in His own image. It is not necessary to illustrate about race, prehistoric etc., and years as science counts.

**Agent of Gan: Shadrack:** Quote of Gan in book 8: "(2) *"Adam was not created to be a tiller of the ground. A son of God is not created to toil; he is a child of God. The Serpent-kind was created to be subjected to him to do the tilling.' (The original sin-page 47)."*

Yes, it is; the Serpent kind was created to be subject under Adam, since Adam is like a King

**Ronald Watson's Answer:** If it was the serpent to till the ground then God would have commanded the serpent to help Adam to till the ground. But in the bible Adam was told to till the ground since there is NO MAN TO TILL. Don't mix up man with Serpent. Serpent was called a beast of the earth, it was not man. Maybe it is Mr. Gan's intellectual invention regarding the tilling.

**Agent of Gan: Shadrack:** Quote 3 of Gan in book 8: "(3) *"Mendel's Law states that "every individual is the sum total of the Characteristics in its two immediate progenitors"... Cain, the son of the Serpent, ';) inherited a part of Eve's nature, the nature of the Spirit of God which was in Adam." (The original sin-page 27)."*

Cain had to inherit the nature of Eve, then the nature of the Spirit of God. I justify this quote, because Cain was also a worshipper.

**Ronald Watson's Answer:** It is the biggest heresy. It's one of the insanity mentioned in the message called: "Knoweth it not". If Cain inherited part of the nature of Eve then he had inherited Adam's nature; that means he is part of God. So Cain also must have acquired eternal life, then Cain was also partially a righteous man. Maybe Mr. Gan wants to justify Cain that he also was partially a seed of God, because Mr. Gan himself likes to be identified already with Cain's seed. If it was so then the whole bunch of Cain's seed would have been saved.

**Agent of Gan: Shadrack:** Quote 4 of Gan in book 8: "(4) *"The two trees are two laws which govern the sexual reproductive organ which is found in the middle part of the human body (the garden)."* (The original sin-page 61).

Yes I agree with Bro. Gan. It is the middle part of the human body where the Garden of Eden was.

**Ronald Watson's Answer:** It is one of the worst madness I have ever heard from you kind of people. I think Mr. Gan has lost his mind who **writes all these**. He writes all these for those people **who are mad like him**. If it was the middle part of the human body (the garden) then the Bridegroom and Bride will spend the Millennium upon the middle part of the human body, because the Bride must go back to Eden (the garden). Finish my brother; you are too smart to tell about your **boss's madness**, who is spending much of his time **in a mental hospital in Singapore**, writing all those mad things to make others like you mad.

**Agent of Gan: Shadrack:** OK, you give me one chance; I will clarify your answers with Bro. Gan when he comes to India. I don't say that I don't agree with you, but I will meet you later to discuss more about other heresies. I really appreciate you because I never met a brother like you. You are so humble and so accurate in preaching, but I want all of us to come together.

**Ronald Watson's Answer:** Let all the praises and glory go to the Lord. Don't say I am accurate in preaching. Here a greater than I is standing. Without Him I am nothing. I don't like to be praised, ok? I love you if you leave all nonsense, come and repent and believe the Truth which was delivered through the Prophet WMB. Don't agree with me but agree with every word of God. All of us **cannot come together unless you give up your dirty heresies** of the devil and repent for your heresies. Still there is forgiveness.

**Agent of Gan: Shadrack:** "(5) *"It was the intention of God that they would bring forth "seeds after their kind" by physical union. Sexual union was intended that the two shall be one flesh (Genesis 2:24)...procreation was His primary objective, not sexual pleasure. Adam and Eve were supposed to come together in sexual union only in the due season of life to partake of that Tree of Life, which would bring forth sons and daughters of God which God had desired...According to the divine plan of God, Adam and his wife were expected to come together at the appointed time and season of life to eat of the Tree of life in the midst of the garden. The effect of such*

*partaking would bring forth Sons and daughters of God with eternal life. " (The original sin-page 62,29)."*

There is no wrong in quote 5 of Gan in book 8. It is the will of the Lord that Adam and Eve should come together in sexual union at the permitted time of the Lord.

**Ronald Watson's Answer:** I don't want to waste much of my time answering your boss' Mr. Gan's quotations. It was already refuted by the quotations of the Prophet, WMB. It was already refuted here below by the quotation from, "Does God ever change His mind 18/4/65", and my precious Pastor Dalton Bruce of Bethel, Trinidad has done a wonderful work to refute all the heresies of Satan. So I say, in the name of the Lord, that all here in book 8, page 47 to 52, mentioned as the quotes of Mr. Gan, is SATAN'S HERESY and it was refuted by the quotations of Bible and the message of Malachi 4:5-6, and it is put in the book called, "EXPOSITION OF DAMNABLE HERESIES, 8 IDENTIFICATIONS-7 THUNDERS MINISTRY VS IMPERSONATORS." Come out of it and repent.

**Agent of Gan: Shadrack:** I would like to invite you for the ministers meetings in the month of November in Coimbatore, Coonoor and also in Madras, when our Bro. Gan comes to India. You must be present there; it is better to talk face to face. Bro. Gan and you will have to talk about his book entitled, "Prophetic Revelation", and your book: "Exposition of Damnable Heresies, 8 identifications of the 7 thunders ministry versus impersonators, Book 8."

**Ronald Watson's Answer:** There is no need of talking with Mr. Gan. All his heresies are refuted and book 8 is my ultimate to Mr. Gan and you agents. First of all, you are unfit for a Pastor's position and you are not qualified for a Pastor's office. I don't respect you as a Pastor of the church. It's better you learn under a God called man in the church, who is called by the Lord for Pastoring in the church of God. So, it is my humble request to you all, **please give up Ganism**, all of you with Mr. Gan and repent and come back to the Truth.

Among them, two of the brethren, Bro. James and Bro. Jayaram, are convinced of the truth and they indirectly promised to contact me through e-mail. Bro. Jayaram has been one of the strong supporters of Shadrack, before the truth were revealed to him. Shadrack is the main agent in south India for Mr. Gan. Jayaram has confessed to me that there are many things that are not right in Ganism. He has proven himself a faithful and humble brother desiring eternal life more than the wages of unrighteousness.

May this brochure serve to warn all message-believers about the poisonous venom of Gan and his agents, who seeks to destroy every established doctrine of the bible and message of Malachi 4:5&6. They advocate that all the teachings of Brother Branham are not inspired, and take the liberty to interpret the scriptures, to prove such lies. Be it known to all true believers that the messenger of each age alone was given the revelation for their specific age. God held them in his hands and inspired them to speak the word of truth by divine revelation! The revelation of Brother Paul became the standard by which all apostles and preachers were to be judged.

**Page 83** *"Thou hast tried them that say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars." My, that is a blunt statement. Here it is in Galatians 1:8, It was the apostles who brought the original Word to the people. That original Word could not change, not even a dot or dash of it. Paul knew it was God Who had spoken to him so he said, "Even if I come and try to give a second revelation, try to make one little change in what I gave originally, let me be accursed." You see, Paul knew that first revelation was correct. God can't give a first revelation, then a second revelation. If He did, He would be changing His mind... and speaking about those Ephesians... Those Ephesians knew that Word as Paul had taught it. They were full of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of Paul's hands. **They looked those false apostles in the eye and said, "You are not saying what Paul said. You are, therefore, false."** Oh, that sets my heart on fire. Get back to the Word!"*  
(CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.3).

This is the greatest defeat for Ganism in South India, and they are more troubled by our work of "Exposition of the Damnable heresies". There are many requests from the ministers and believers for all exposition books. Following names and addresses are agents of Richard Gan, others work under cover whose names do not appear here and have tried to solicit money from me and others, as pretended believers of the truth. They have sold their birth right for a bowl of soup like Esau.

Gusto Gadama Lilongwe Malawi, James M. Veremu Seke- Chitunqwiza Zimbabwe, Moses A. Segite Nyaru Kenya, George M. Matthew West Malaysia, Franco Togonon Bulihan Silang cavite Philippines, Osel B. Dumanon Mahogany Butuan city Philippines, Ruben Lachica Capitol site Cebu city Philippines, Richard D'souza Sankli St. Byculla Bombay M.S. India, Hubert D'souza Colony Borivli West Bombay India, S. Sunderaraj Puthukudy Nagercoil- Kanyakumari India, Chandula Abeywickrema Dehiwala Sri Lanka, Peter Ochola Kampala Uganda.

## **TRUE PROPHETS versus FALSE PROPHETS**

**True prophets are the most efficient weapon of war ever designed and employed by God in the greatest battle ever fought between god and Satan for souls of mankind and their deliverance from unbelief, sin, sickness and death, because the unconquerable and undefeatable word of god is in them. The weapons of war invented by man, even the atomic bomb and weapons of mass destruction are incomparable to these incredible ancient weapons of war in the hand of the mighty conqueror, Jesus Christ.**

The kingdom of Satan, his demons, his preachers and his children go into uncontrollable panics at the very thought of such super spiritual servants of God. As Satan himself is fully acquainted with their mass destructive powers which successfully defeated his kingdoms in ancient times. In Egypt, his super power was totally humbled and defeated by Moses the prophet and the staff of God. The massive walls of Jericho fell flat of the sound of the trumpets of Joshua, he also commanded the sun to stand still until the battle was won. David, a shepherd boy, slew the giant, Goliath, with a sling and a stone. And most triumphantly, Jesus the prophetic Messiah conquered Hell, death and the grave and arose a Victor from the dark domain of Hell with the keys of Hell and of death taken from the hand of the arch-enemy of man, Satan, and led their captive souls out of prison. *'When He*

*ascended upon high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men.'* Ephesians 4:8

*'Lift up your heads O ye gates, let the King of Glory come in. Who is this King of Glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle, He is the King of Glory. Selah.'* Psalm 24:7-10

## **PROPHETS ARE ORDAINED OF GOD**

The Lord said to Jeremiah, the prophet (Jere 1:5) *'Before thou was formed in the belly ... I knew thee and **ORDAINED** thee a prophet.'* John the Baptist was prophesied to come, fore-ordained by God. Isaiah 40:3 *'The voice of him crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord.'* Malachi 3:1 *'Behold, I send my messenger and he shall prepare the way before Me.'* Moses prophesied of Jesus to come. Acts 7:37 *'A prophet shall the Lord your God raised up unto you of your brethren like unto me, Him shall ye hear.'* (Deuteronomy 18:18-19).

## **PROPHETS ARE BORNED PROPHETS**

So decreed, purposed and fore-ordained by God before they come into the world. They are not produced by the ambitious desire of a preacher to become a prophet, neither by learnings, Bible schools nor various schools of theology. **For none can make himself a prophet no matter how spiritual he is or hard he tries. The most he can make himself is a false prophet**

## **OFFICE, GIFT, FUNCTIONS OF A TRUE PROPHET**

*'PROPHET' or 'SEER'* means 'a divine interpreter of the Word of God.' His office gift gives him the ability to hear directly from God and speak to the people of God. Amos 3:7 *'God revealeth His secrets to His servants, the prophets, **Apostle Peter said,** (1Peter 2:20-21) *'Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scriptures is of any private interpretation, for the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved of the Holy Ghost'. **PROPHETS WROTE THE BIBLE.*** Prophets, Seers, were used of God to write the Bible and reveal it's contents of Scriptures. This is evident from the above verses. As in the case of Moses (Numbers 6:1-2) *'And the Lord spake unto Moses saying, speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman...'* This Prophet who had the ability to hear from God and speak to God's people also wrote the first five books of the Bible. This same pattern was followed by Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Daniel and many others. The nation of Israel was fully acquainted with God's system of prophets who were sent unto her to reveal Truth, to prophecy of things to come, and were used of God in supernatural acts of power for her deliverance in many ways.*

## SCRIPTURAL IDENTIFICATION OF PROPHETS

Israel was to observe certain Scriptures by which they were to identify God's true prophets sent to them from the false ones.

**FIRSTLY: He would be a Scriptural prophet, he would have the Word of truth. He would not change nor alter the written Word.** Galatians 1:8 *'Though we or an angel come from heaven and preach any other Gospel unto you, let him be accursed.'*

**SECONDLY: All that he prophesies will come to pass.** Deut. 18:21-22 *'... And if thou say in thy heart, How shall we know the Word which the Lord hath not spoken, When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the things follow not nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously, THOU SHALL NOT BE AFRAID OF HIM.'*

**Only a true prophet of God has the ability to hear from God and to bring God's people the correct interpretation of Scriptures;** It is not by private interpretation or any other office or Bible school.

**Thus, false prophets are produced when religiously ambitious men without the ability to hear from God** try to interpret the Scriptures and produce private interpretations. When a true prophet arrives on the scene with the correct interpretation of the Word, they are exposed. **Thus, they persecute, hate, speak evil, establish as false and kill the true prophets of God.**

The first Christian martyr, Stephen, asked the Ph Ds', LLDs' etc. (Acts 7:52) *'Which one of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted and slain?'*

Nevertheless, God's mighty weapon of war by His Word, defeats the power of unbelief and death of the false prophets which lay in their false interpretations of Scriptures, their damnable heresies, doctrines of devils which destroy billions of souls. The weapons of man destroy the body **but the false teachings of Satan's servants destroy the souls of men in Hell fire, which is a far greater curse!**

## GOD'S PROPHETS VERSUS FALSE PROPHETS

**GOD'S everlasting order is to send His servants with His Word for the specific age for which they are fore-ordained when false prophets bewitch His people. They come in the power of God's Word and His Spirit.**

**Elijah versus Jezebel and her prophets:** God vindicated him by fire from heaven; he slew 400 of Jezebel's by the sword.

**Miciah versus Ahab's prophets:** Though God's prophet was imprisoned, and 400 of the king's prophets prophesied lies promising victory to Israel in war, Miciah's prophecy of defeat came to pass

**Moses vs Baalam, Korah, Abiram & Datan:** The earth opened and swallowed alive the latter three and all their families etc.

**Jesus versus the Pharisees, Phd's, LLD's, their Bible Schools:** He prevailed by the cross and His resurrection.

**The Apostles and Paul versus the false prophets of that Age:** Several Epistles were written to expose false prophets and their teachings.

## NEED OF A PROPHET

**IN OUR AGE** of false prophets, Jesus warned, 'Beware of false prophets. This prophecy is fulfilled to the letter. False prophets arose by the millions since the early 1960's. Today you can find one on every corner with poisonous venom under his tongue desirous to inoculate any and every soul that opens their minds to their damnable heresies. **Common Scriptural knowledge tells us that God must employed His ancient 'weapon of war' - a true Prophet** in these last days to expose the false doctrine of these soul devouring monsters of Satan over the television, radios and Evangelical mission field. These are the same Bible school-trained, educated Phd's DD's and LLD's idiots, lovers of money, adulteries, vices of Sodom and Gomorrah, unashamed of their bob-hair women and long hair men as condemned in 1Cor.11: 14-15 '*Doth not nature itself teach you, that if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.*' who in the early 1960's and before, preached and established to the world, that 'prophets' were an office of the past, for the Old Testament and not for the New. **Presumably supporting Scriptures were as follows:** Luke 16:16 '*The Law and the prophets were until John.*' Heb. 1:1:2 '*God spake in the past unto the prophets. Hath in these last days spoken to us by His Son;*' Matt 24:24 '*False Christs and false prophets shall arise and deceive many.*' If those Scriptures were correctly interpreted and used against the unchallengeable fulfillment of Malachi 4 '*Behold I send unto you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.*' **Why do they claim to be prophets now?** Has God changed His Word for these jealous preachers? Absolutely not!

**These were Satan's servants and prophets perverting the Word of God to their convenience**, discrediting God's Word of promise of 'a coming prophet', to hid their devilish doctrines and escape exposure. But their folly has been made manifest like Jannes and Jambres by the Message and supernatural vindication of God's Prophet, Elijah. (Malachi 4:5-6)

Such Scriptures were employed as carnal weapons of war against a humble little Servant of God who was vindicated by God, His Word and supernatural acts of power, which were not witnessed since the days of the Apostles. He also referred to the fulfillment of Malachi 4:5-6 'the promised Elijah.'**These intellectual Goliaths,**

Balaamites, Cain seed, cursed children and modern Judases **need to fall upon their own swords** like backslidden Saul who persecuted the little shepherd boy because of envy and jealousy over the power of the Spirit attendant upon his sanctified life. **As the sling and the stone slew Goliath, so will the revelation of Christ's Message destroy these spiritual giants in this last age and liberate God's Children.**

Those false prophets willfully closed their eyes of understanding to the meaning of the Scriptures which plainly states: Eph.4: 11 **'And He (Christ) gave some apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists and pastors ... till we all come in the unity of the faith unto a perfect man.'**

Also, Jesus said in Matthew 23:24 'Behold I send unto you **prophets**'

1 Cor. 12:28 *'And God set some in the church, firstly, apostles, secondarily, **prophets.**'* These blind guides leading the blind into the Tribulation will have us believe that Jesus and Paul the Apostle were confused about the presence of prophets in the New Testament's church. Why? Because they are a bunch of hypocrites! 2 Cor.11: 13-15 Bro. Paul rightly describe them *'For such are false apostles, **deceitful workers** transforming them-selves into apostles of Christ ... as the ministers of righteousness whose end shall be according to their works.'*

Through deceit these men have blinded the eyes of sincere people to the fulfillment of Bible prophecies for our day as regards to the coming of a prophet and the revealing of the mysteries of God.

## OPEN BOOK OF REDEMPTION

In Rev. Chap 5 there appeared a closed Book of Redemption, sealed with seven Seals. In Rev. 10:1-7 that same Book was opened in the hand of a mighty Angel. Chapter 6 stated that the Lamb loosed the Seals. Rev. 10:7 it is made clear, *'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 unto His servants, the **prophets.**'*

## SECRETS REVEALED TO A PROPHET

God works within the Word. Amos 3:7 *'Surely the Lord God would do nothing, but **He revealeth His secrets unto His servants, the prophets**'* Thus, the Angel Messenger of Rev. 10:7 is an earthly messenger and prophet for the last days, when *'time is to be no more.'* Rev. 10:6 this is promised in Mal. 4:5-6 there is absolutely **one** prophet messenger for the last church age, Laodicea, and he is a man Rev.10: 7 *'**He** begin to sound his message'* Mal.4 *'**He** shall turn the hearts of the children to their fathers'* Not **'she'** or **'them'** as a group of preachers. God always use one prophet at a time for a specific age. **One** Noah, Moses, Elijah etc. But Satan uses many false prophets. Thus, **Matt.24: 24 is unjustly applied to one little prophet**

**brother**, anointed by the spirit of Elijah, even like John the Baptist before the first coming of Christ, a type of His second coming. But Matt.24: 24 is correctly applied to the **many false prophets** who have arisen after the ministry of Mal. 4, God's prophet, **they are many and have many followers.**

**In conclusion** it is interesting to notice that the **false prophets** who have arisen **around the Message** since the early 1970's, before that time preached that there are 'no more prophets to come to the Bride'. They persecuted all those that seem to share such conceptions. Were they wrong then or are they wrong now? If they are of God, why are they divided upon their doctrines? Fail to foretell things to come? Not a-vindicated by supernatural signs and wonders? Hate the people and pastors who uphold the holiness Message of Christ? Jesus said, *'ye are of your father the Devil, and the lusts of your father will ye do. He was liar from the beginning and **abode not in the Truth.**'* (John 8:44).